

Board of Bar Commissioners Election Notice 2025



State Bar of
New Mexico
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Notice is hereby given for the election of the State Bar of New Mexico (State Bar) Board of Bar Commissioners, the elected governing board of the State Bar (Rule 24-101 NMRA). The State Bar will hold elections this fall to fill nine (9) positions on the Board of Bar Commissioners described below and which will expire on December 31, 2025. The positions are for three-year terms that run from January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2028, except for a one-year term as noted below. **The election will open November 5, 2025, and close at noon on November 30, 2025.**

Nominations of State Bar active status members to fill the vacancies shall be made by petition of ten (10) or more active status members of the State Bar who are in good standing and whose principal place of practice (address of record) is in the respective district. A member may only be nominated for one position on the Board of Bar Commissioners. Members of the State Bar may nominate (sign a petition for) more than one candidate for a position.

Active status members whose principal place of practice (address of record) is in El Paso County, Texas, may nominate members for the Third and Sixth Judicial Districts.

Nominations must be made by completing the Nomination Petition on the next page or at the link below. The nominee is responsible for collecting all nomination petitions and submitting them to the State Bar in either a single email or a single mailed packet **no later than 5:00 p.m. MT on October 6, 2025.** Individual emails sent directly to the State Bar by a petitioner will not be counted.

www.sbnm.org/BBCnominationpetition2025

Primary Responsibilities of the Board of Bar Commissioners:

Governance

- › Support and advance the State Bar's mission and strategic plan.
- › Attend Board meetings (up to six annually), including the Annual Meeting and a Board Retreat every three years.
- › Serve on State Bar and Supreme Court committees and boards.
- › Evaluate State Bar programs and operations to ensure alignment with the strategic plan and budget.
- › Establish and enforce bylaws and policies that support the Bar's mission and comply with legal and ethical standards.
- › Ensure financial sustainability and accountability for the organization.
- › Select, support and annually evaluate the Executive Director.

Role of Ambassador

- › Communicate regularly with constituents and hold at least one annual event within the district.
- › Promote State Bar programs and activities
- › Represent the State Bar at meetings and events within the district.
- › Help recruit and retain new board members
- › Support the New Mexico State Bar Foundation's mission and purposes.

Pursuant to the State Bar Bylaws, following are the names of the commissioners whose terms are expiring and their districts from which they were elected:

Second Judicial District – One Position

Bernalillo County

- › Currently held by Steven S. Scholl

Third and Sixth Judicial Districts – Three Positions

(two three-year terms; one one-year term)

Dona Ana, Grant, Hidalgo and Luna Counties

- › One currently held by Connie J. Flores
- › One currently held by Chrystian J. Gonzalez (*one-year term; remainder of unexpired term*)
- › One currently held by David L. Lutz (*ineligible for reelection*)

Fifth Judicial District – One Position

Chavez, Eddy and Lea Counties

- › Currently held by Parker B. Folse

Seventh and Thirteenth Judicial Districts – Two Positions

Catron, Sierra, Socorro, Torrance, Cibola, Sandoval and Valencia Counties

- › One currently held by Jessica A. Perez
- › One currently held by Simone M. Seiler

Eleventh Judicial District – One Position

McKinley and San Juan Counties

- › Currently held by Joseph F. Sawyer (*ineligible for reelection*)

Twelfth Judicial District – One Position

Lincoln and Otero Counties

- › Currently held by Erinna M. "Erin" Atkins (*ineligible for reelection*)

Send all nomination petitions in one packet by email to bbc@sbnm.org

Or drop off to: Executive Director Richard B. Spinello, Esq.
5121 Masthead St. NE, Albuquerque, NM 87109

— PETITIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY 5 P.M. MT, OCT. 6, 2025 —

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