

Abuse and Neglect Case in Children's Court

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Pieroni is a member of The State Bar of New Mexico and serves on the Board for the Children's Law Section and the Family Law Section, and she is the past chair of the board of the Children's Law Section. Pieroni is a New Mexico Board of Legal Specialization Certified Specialist in Family Law. Pieroni is a fellow of the American Academy of Adoption Attorneys. Pieroni's practice focuses on Family Law, Adoption and Children's Law. Pieroni is the President of the Adoption and Foster Care Alliance of New Mexico, a member of the Christian Legal Society and the chair of the board of directors of La Familia-Namaste.

Pieroni is the owner and principal attorney of Pieroni Family Law, LLC.

John J. Romero, Jr. serves in the Second Judicial District Court in the Children's Court Division. The docket includes delinquency, child welfare and adoptions. Judge Romero is actively involved in his community's family violence prevention efforts and was recognized with the *2007 Spirit Advocacy Award*. He presides over the *Program for the Empowerment of Girls* (PEG), an intensive multi-agency juvenile probation program for girls who have some type of violence and trauma in their history.

Judge Romero is Co-Chair Emeritus of the Children's Court Improvement Commission. He remains involved with the Tribal-State Judicial Consortium. He was the first judge in the country to be recognized as a Certified Child Welfare Law Specialist by the ABA-accredited National Association of Counsel for Children. In 2014, Judge Romero received the *Alice King Public Service Award*. He serves on the Board of Directors of the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges and will serve as President of the 80 year old judges' organization beginning July, 2018.

Twila Hoon graduated from the University of New Mexico with a B.A. in Political Science in 1998 and graduated from the University of New Mexico School of Law in 2001.

Hoon is member of the The State Bar of New Mexico and her current practice focuses primarily on Children's Law, Criminal Law and Appellate Law. Hoon works primarily with indigent defendants and parents in the Second Judicial District but also as a Guardian ad Litem in other counties. Previously Hoon was a prosecutor in several districts throughout New Mexico and a Senior Children's Court Attorney in Valencia County and as a mediator in several counties. Hoon has been in private practice since 2009 and is a co-owner of Aragon Ramsey & Hoon, LLC.

Material Information

The Children's Law Manual is an excellent training resource that you can print out or view electronically. These resources are available at the Corinne Wolfe Center for Child & Family Justice at the University of New Mexico.

Home website: <http://childlaw.unm.edu/resources/index.html>

New Mexico Child Welfare Handbook: A Legal Manual on Child Abuse and Neglect

- Full manual: <http://childlaw.unm.edu/assets/docs/2014-child-welfare-handbook.pdf>
- July 2017 updates: <http://childlaw.unm.edu/assets/docs/update-to-the-cwh-handout-2015-2017-combined.pdf>

New Mexico Juvenile Justice Handbook

- <http://childlaw.unm.edu/assets/docs/Juvenile-Justice-Handbook-August-2011.pdf>

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