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LEGAL EDUCATION

University of New Mexico School of Law Albuquerque, NM
Juris Doctor May 2019
Honors: *Tribal Law Journal*, Co-Editor-In-Chief
Southwest Indian Law Clinic, Clinical Honors
Dean's Award for Significant Contribution to the Law School
Activities: DWI/DV Prosecution Clinic & Advanced Prosecution Clinic
Federal Bar Association NM Chapter, Board Member–Student Representative
American Bar Association, Council for Diversity, Judicial Clerkship Program

National Judicial College, Reno, Nevada Summer 2017
Judicial Writing

American Indian Law Center, Albuquerque, NM Summer 2016
Prelaw Summer Institute
Award: Legal Advocacy, Best Brief

GRADUATE AND UNDERGRADUATE EDUCATION

New Mexico State University, Albuquerque, NM May 2009
Masters of Social Work
Clinical Social Work Externships: J. Paul Taylor Juvenile Detention Center and Native American Community Academy

New Mexico State University, Las Cruces, NM December 2008
Masters of Criminal Justice
Graduate Research Project: “*Criminal Justice in Tribal Communities: Prevalent issues in New Mexico & Implications for Criminal Justice Curriculum*”

New Mexico State University, Las Cruces, NM December 2005
Bachelor of Arts, *Criminal Justice*, Minor *Business Administration*

University of Malaga, Ronda, Spain, *International Student Exchange Program* Summer 2002

LEGAL EXPERIENCE

Frye & Kelly, P.C. Albuquerque, NM
Attorney August 2021 to Present

New Mexico Court of Appeals Albuquerque, NM
Judicial Law Clerk for Judge Shammara H. Henderson March 2020 to August 2021
Judicial Law Clerk for Chief Judge M. Monica Zamora August 2019-January 2020

- Analyze and determine issues of legal significance for complex cases on appeal.
- Conduct legal research, draft bench memorandums, proposed formal, memorandum, and dissenting opinions for authoring judge.
- Present issues of legal significance and recommended legal disposition to the assigned panel of judges.

Pueblo of Isleta Appellate Court Isleta Pueblo, NM
Associate Justice May 2013-Present

- Appointed by Pueblo of Isleta Tribal Council in increments of two-year terms.
- Review issues on appeal, legal research, draft opinions, and collaborate with a panel of justices to resolve appellate issues.

United States Attorney's Office, District of New Mexico

Law Extern

Albuquerque, NM

January-April 2018

- Screened and prepared cases for prosecution in the Crimes in Indian Country Division.
- Drafted reports and memoranda to Assistant United States Attorney's on legal research projects.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

New Mexico State University, Criminal Justice Department

Adjunct Faculty

Grants, NM

May 2010-2016

- Developed and instructed online courses in: Introduction to Criminal Justice, Juvenile Delinquency, Introduction to Corrections, American Law Enforcement, and American Court Systems.

State of New Mexico, Juvenile Justice Services

Community & Facility Behavioral Health Clinician

Albuquerque, NM

March 2014-September 2014

- Provided direct therapeutic service to American Indian juveniles incarcerated in state facilities.
- Lead a multidisciplinary team in locating, referring, and securing juvenile reintegration services.

Probation Officer

November 2010-March 2014

- Prepared presentence reports for use by the District Attorney's Office and District Judges.
- Supervised clients on conditions of probation, ensuring compliance with orders of the court.

American Indian Development Associates

Program Manager

Albuquerque, NM

May 2009-May 2010

- Ensure compliance with grant guidelines by tribes in Tribal Justice Systems & Health and Wellness Programs.
- Completed policy analysis and development for tribal programs inclusive of community input.
- Researched and co-authored projects with state and federal agencies focused on tribal justice issues.

New Mexico State University, Department of Criminal Justice

Digital Pathways Coordinator

Las Cruces, NM

May 2007-May 2009

- Collaborated with NM tribes and their criminal justice agencies to assess challenges and strengths of their systems.
- Completed a comprehensive report for the Department of Criminal Justice to inform online learning curriculum.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS/LEADERSHIP

Federal Bar Association, New Mexico Chapter, President

Board of Directors

March 2020-October 2021

December 2017-Present

U.S. Department of Justice, Office on Violence Against Women

Appointed by U.S Attorney General William Barr

August 2020-August 2022

Task Force on Research on Violence Against American Indian and Alaska Native Women

U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs

Peer Reviewer

December 2014-Present

- Review grants proposals in the areas of juvenile justice, substance abuse and mental health, tribal justice systems.

Prelaw Summer Institute, American Indian Law Center

Judicial Clerkship Committee, Secretary

February 2020-Present

New Mexico Juvenile Justice Advisory Commission

Appointed by NM Governors Susana Martinez and Michelle Lujan-Grisham

May 2016-Present

- Sub-committee: Grants Review: Review and make funding decisions on grant applications.

PUBLICATIONS

- Co-Author, *Strategies for Creating Offender Reentry Programs in Indian Country*, U.S. Department of Justice Office of Justice Programs (2010)
- Author, *A Rite of Passage: Perpetuating the Invisibility of American Indian Lawyers*, 69 J. Legal Ed. 699. (2020)