

Education

1985	Juris Doctorate	UNM School of Law Recipient of: A.H. McLeod Award for Trial Advocacy, Honors in Clinical Law and Dean's Award
1977	Bachelor of Arts	Baker University
1975	Associate of Arts	Haskell Indian Junior College
1972	Welding Certificate	Haskell Indian Junior College

Employment History

8/07 to present	<u>District Court Judge, Division XXVI (Criminal)</u> Albuquerque, New Mexico Appointed by Governor Bill Richardson to fill a newly created judgeship. Was unanimous recommendation to the Governor by bi-partisan nominating commission.
11/04 to 8/07	<u>Self-employed</u> Albuquerque, New Mexico Represent clients in civil or criminal cases. Consult with attorneys or firms for case analysis, trial preparation and presentation.
3/03 to 10/04	<u>District Attorney's Office, Thirteenth Judicial District, Sandoval County</u> Rio Rancho, New Mexico Position: Deputy District Attorney Hired to process a backlog of cases, work on issues of special interest to the District Attorney and prosecute felony cases.
7/00 to 1/03	<u>Department of Justice, U.S. Attorney's Office, District of Alaska</u> Anchorage, Alaska Position: Assistant U.S. Attorney, Criminal Division Prosecuted federal criminal cases including bankruptcy fraud, counterfeiting, theft from an Indian tribal organization, environmental crimes, fish and wildlife violations, drugs and firearm cases. I was a member of the U.S. Attorney General's Advisory Committee on Indian issues and the acting tribal liaison for the U.S. Attorney from August, 2000 until summer 2002, during which time I advised the U.S. Attorney on Indian Country issues.
11/97 to 7/00	<u>District Attorney's Office, Thirteenth Judicial District, Sandoval County</u> Bernalillo, New Mexico Position: Deputy District Attorney Responsible for the prosecution of all adult and juvenile criminal cases in the county, training and supervising five assistant district attorneys and six support staff, provided supplemental training and legal advice to seven law enforcement agencies and was the liaison between the District Attorney and the Tribal governments.
4/96 to 11/97	<u>Espinosa, Sitterly and Associates, P.C.</u>

- 1/96 to 4/96 Office of Charles W. Brown
Albuquerque, New Mexico
Position: Sole Practitioner
Appeared in federal and state courts on adult and juvenile criminal matters.
- 2/93 to 1/96 District Attorney's Office, Second Judicial District
Albuquerque, New Mexico
Position: Senior Trial Prosecutor/Deputy District Attorney, Violent Crimes Division
Represented the state in the prosecution of violent felonies. Supervised and trained Assistant District Attorneys in the Violent Crimes Division. Taught at training sessions for the Albuquerque Police Department and the Bernalillo County Sheriff's Office and provided legal advice on investigations.
- 12/91 to 1/93 Moses, Dunn, Beckley, Espinosa & Tuthill, P.C.
Albuquerque, New Mexico
Position: Associate
Appeared in federal and state courts on cases arising from business litigation, personal injury, domestic relations, adult and juvenile criminal matters.
- 8/85 to 11/91 District Attorney's Office, Second Judicial District
Albuquerque, New Mexico
10/87 to 11/91 Deputy District Attorney
7/87 to 10/87 Assistant District Attorney
9/86 to 7/87 Children's Court Attorney
4/86 to 9/86 Assistant District Attorney
8/85 to 4/86 Paralegal

Teaching Experience

- University of New Mexico School of Law, Albuquerque, NM
2004 – 2007, Evidence and Trial Practice, Adjunct Professor
1990 - 2000
2005 - 2008 Advanced Evidence and Trial Practice, Adjunct Professor

- Hofstra University School of Law, Hempstead, NY
2005 Intensive Trial Techniques Program, Adjunct Professor

International Training Experience

- 2008 Japanese Federation of Bar Associations
Tokyo, Japan
Special advisor to the Japanese Federation of Bar Associations in establishing a quasi-jury system (Saiban-in) in Japan.
- American Bar Association, Central European and Eurasian Legal Initiative (ABA/CEELI)
- 2006 Jahorina, Republika Srpska, Bosnia and Herzegovina
ABA/CEELI - Department of Justice (DOJ)
Trail Advocacy Training

- 2006 Neum, Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bosnia and Herzegovina, ABA/CEELI – DOJ, Trail Advocacy Training
- 2006 Baku, Azerbaijan, ABA/CEELI - The Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE), Judicial Reform Training
- 2005 Istanbul, Turkey, ABA/CEELI, Criminal Law Reform Program, Advocacy Teacher Training

National Training Experience

National Institute of Trial Advocacy (NITA)

Building Trial Skills Programs, Faculty Instructor

- 2000, 2002, 2005, 2006 National Program, Boulder, CO
- 2006 Northeast Regional Program, Hempstead, NY
- 1990 - 1999, 2005 Southwest Regional Program, Albuquerque, NM
- 1995 - 2000, 2005 Southern California Regional Program, Los Angeles, CA
- 1999, 2000, 2003-2005 Pacific Regional Program, San Diego, CA

Taking and Defending Depositions, Faculty Instructor

- 2007 Albuquerque, NM
- 1998, 2003, 2005 San Diego, CA

Advanced Deposition Practice

- 2007 Damages and Expert Witnesses, Phoenix, AZ
- 2006 Expert Witness Testimony, Louisville, CO

Specialty Programs, Faculty Instructor

- 2005 - 2008 DOJ/Office of Violence Against Women - NITA, Domestic Violence Advocates Training, Louisville, CO
- 2006 Native American Rights Fund-NITA, Criminal Cases in Tribal Courts, Louisville, CO
- 1998 - 2006 Tribal Advocates Training Program: Window Rock, AZ; Reno, NV; Green Bay, WI; Louisville, CO; Grand Forks, ND; Colville, WA
- 2003 - 2007 Advocacy Teacher Training, San Francisco, CA
- 2005 Trial Advocacy for Taxation Lawyers, Santa Fe, NM
NM Department of Taxation and Revenue
- 2005 Austin Bar Association-NITA, Basic Trial Skills for Public Service Practitioners, Austin, TX
- 2004 National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers-NITA, Joint Basic Trial Skills Outreach Program, Albuquerque, NM

Microsoft Corporation

2006 Advocacy Academy 2.0, Instructor
Bellevue, WA

Indian Country Training Experience

Faculty Instructor

2005 - 2008 DOJ/Office of Violence Against Women - NITA, Domestic Violence
Advocates Training,
Louisville, CO

2006 Native American Rights Fund-NITA, Criminal Cases in Tribal Courts,
Louisville, CO

1998 - 2006 Tribal Advocates Training Program:
Window Rock, AZ
Reno, NV
Green Bay, WI
Louisville, CO
Grand Forks, ND
Colville, WA

New Mexico Activities

Panel Member

2004 State Bar of New Mexico
Leadership Institute, Albuquerque, NM
Diversity in the Legal Profession

2004 New Mexico Public Defenders Office
Statewide Public Defender Training
Ethics and Professionalism

Adjunct Professor

University of New Mexico School of Law, Albuquerque, NM

1990-2000,
2004-2007, Evidence and Trial Practice

2005-2008 Advanced Evidence and Trial Practice

Faculty Instructor

Building Trial Skills Programs
1990-1999, Southwest Regional Program, Albuquerque, NM
2005

Taking and Defending Depositions
2007 Albuquerque, NM

2005 Trial Advocacy for Taxation Lawyers, Santa Fe, NM
NM Department of Taxation and Revenue

2004 National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers-NITA, Joint Basic
Trail Skills Outreach Program, Albuquerque, NM

Professional Affiliations

New Mexico Bar Association
New Mexico Indian Bar Association

Professional Activities

2005 American Bar Association, Litigation Section
Raising the Bar Colloquium, Chicago, IL
Group Facilitator

2004 State Bar of New Mexico
Leadership Institute, Albuquerque, NM
Panel Member, Diversity in the Legal Profession

2004 New Mexico Public Defenders Office
Statewide Public Defender Training
Panel Member, Ethics and Professionalism