

The 2nd Annual Multi-Disciplinary Domestic Violence Conference

APRIL 26 & 27, 2023

We welcome you to the 2nd Annual Multi-Disciplinary Domestic Violence Conference. This year we are offering a three-track conference focusing on issues related to Law Enforcement, District Attorney, and Domestic Violence Advocates and Battering Intervention Facilitators. This conference will provide in-depth information on evidence-based prosecution and the use of expert witness testimony.



Wednesday, April 26

Time	District Attorney	Law Enforcement	DV Advocates
8:30 am – 9:00 am	Plenary #1: Welcome Panel Faculty: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Henry Valdez• Pam Wiseman• Quintin McShan		
9:00 am – 10:30 am	Plenary #2: Expert Witness Demonstration Session Description: Using a report of police response to a domestic violence call, presenters will encourage the audience to identify any victim behaviors for which it may be helpful for an expert to educate a judge or jury. Presenters will then demonstrate portions of direct and cross-examinations of an expert, from which the audience will learn: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Which domestic violence victim behaviors are commonly the subject of expert testimony?• The legal basis for and admissibility of expert witness testimony to explain domestic violence victim behavior.• Qualifications of this sort of expert witness.• To explain victims' counter-intuitive behaviors to judges and juries through expert testimony.• To anticipate defense attacks on the expert's credibility.• To anticipate defense attempts to use this behavior as evidence of a victim's lack of credibility. Faculty: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Jessica Martinez• Shannon Archer• Rhonda Martinson• Scott Miller		
10:30 am – 10:45 am	Break		
10:45 am – 12:15 pm	Plenary #3: Using Expert Witness Testimony Session Description: Using a team approach of local prosecution experience, and national training and evaluation experience, presenters will engage with the audience through a domestic violence police report to articulate the importance of, as well as the "how to," of: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The supportive foundation a police report can give expert witness testimony, and helping police officers in that aspect of report writing• Knowing local judge and potential jury member attitudes on violence against women, to better evaluate the need for an expert• Potential issues (gender, education, philosophy, etc.) in your choice of expert witnesses• The helpfulness in consulting an expert in your preparation phase, even if you choose not to have the expert testify• Newer criminal justice research and experience that could potentially be addressed in expert testimony (witness intimidation, stalking via technology, etc.) Faculty: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Jessica Martinez• Shannon Archer• Rhonda Martinson• Scott Miller		

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12:15 pm – 1:00 pm	Lunch		
1:00 pm – 2:30 pm	<p style="text-align: center;">Session #1A & 1B: From Probable Cause to Beyond a Reasonable Doubt</p> <p>Session Description: Domestic Violence cases are without a doubt some of the most complex cases that law enforcement officers and prosecutors work on in our state and throughout the country. We know that strong collaboration between police and prosecutors improves case-building and increases the likelihood of successful adjudication. This session will bring the two entities together to explore best practices for DV report writing, gathering evidence, and how to build the strongest case for evidence-based prosecution and/or use of an expert witness.</p> <p>Faculty:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eric Threlkeld • Jessica Martinez • Melissa Silver 		<p style="text-align: center;">Session #1C: Preparing for your first case as a Domestic Violence Expert Witness</p> <p>Session Description: In this session we will review: The New Mexico legal basis for qualifying as an expert witness, The conditions for the need of an expert witness, Considerations for defense attorney use of expert witness, and use of expert witness in family court. Additionally we will discuss: The documents you need in advance of serving as an expert witness, what is your role as an expert witness in the courtroom, and common strategies used by the defense with an expert witness.</p> <p>Faculty:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scott Miller • Rhonda Martinson
2:30 pm – 2:45 pm	Break		
2:45 pm – 4:00 pm	<p style="text-align: center;">Session #1A & 1B: From Probable Cause to Beyond a Reasonable Doubt</p> <p style="text-align: center;">CONTINUED</p>		<p style="text-align: center;">Session #1C: Expert Witness</p> <p style="text-align: center;">CONTINUED</p>

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8:30 am – 9:00 am	<p style="text-align: center;">Plenary #4: Welcome Day 2</p> <p>Faculty:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Raul Torrez		
9:00 am – 10:30 am	<p style="text-align: center;">Plenary #5</p> <p>Session Description: Using a team approach to creating a Domestic Violence Court (Family violence court), implementing the policies and procedures to address Domestic Violence with a diversionary approach. Local criminal justice partners work as a team to help offenders avoid prosecution, get appropriate anger and domestic violence counseling, in addition to any other treatment that is identified. This is a comprehensive approach to DV court.</p> <p>Faculty:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Judge Sarah Blankenhorn• Lisa Hamer• Marco Serna• Hanna Smith		
10:30 am – 10:45 am	Break		
10:45 am – 12:00 pm	<p style="text-align: center;">Plenary #6: Legislative Update</p> <p>Session Description: The legislative session often introduces, debates, passes, or tables vital legislation that impacts survivors of domestic violence. Knowing about the legislation that is introduced and tabled is just as important as knowing what passes. In this session, we will provide an update from the most recent session and any highlight legislative changes that impact your role in law enforcement, prosecution, victim witness assistance, and victim advocacy for survivors of domestic violence.</p> <p>Participants will learn:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Recent legislation that impacts survivors of domestic violence.• How legislative changes impact your work with survivors of domestic violence.• How legislation that was not passed may impact survivors in the future. <p>Faculty:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• MaryEllen Garcia• Elliott Guttman• Henry Valdez		

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12:00 pm-12:15 pm	<p align="center">Plenary #7: Victim Compensation</p> <p>Session Description: This will give you a brief overview of victim compensation within New Mexico and how you can assist survivors in accessing this important resource</p> <p>Faculty:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Frank Zubia 		
12:15 pm - 1:00 pm	<p align="center">Lunch</p>		
1:00 pm - 1:30 pm	<p align="center">Plenary #8: The Role of The Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner in Evidence-Based Prosecution</p> <p>Session Description: How to utilize SANE exams in your prosecution. Some SANE units are able to perform medical/forensic exams, free of charge for a victim of IPV, whether or not there was sexual assault at the time of the offense. These exams include screens for strangulation, Traumatic Brain Injury, and human trafficking. Excellent Photographs, risk assessments, and a listing of the other coercive controls are also included in this exam. The SANE is able to then testify for this exam, with expert knowledge of IPV dynamics. These exams often serve another purpose in helping to educate and keep the victim engaged with the process of prosecution.</p> <p>Faculty:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gail Starr 		
1:30 pm - 1:45 pm	<p align="center">Break</p>		
1:45 pm - 2:45 pm	<p align="center">Session #2A: Appellate Review</p> <p>Session Description: Overview of recent cases from the New Mexico Supreme Court and the New Mexico Court of Appeals involving domestic violence and related issues.</p> <p>Faculty:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emily Tyson-Jorgenson 	<p align="center">Session #2B & 2C: The Benefits of Victim Compensation</p> <p>Session Description: Law enforcement and victim witness assistants are some of the first individuals that encounter survivors of violent crimes. In those initial moments of crisis, many survivors are concerned with the financial impact of their victimization. Survivors of domestic and sexual violence need immediate access to safe housing, stalking survivors may need assistance with security cameras, survivors are worried about the impact of loss of earnings and many other immediate needs often create barriers to fully engaging in the criminal justice system. In this session, you will learn about victim compensation as well as the various emergency assistance funds that are available to survivors of crime and how you can ensure they are informed and assisted.</p> <p>Participants will learn:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Who qualifies? • How to apply? • Types of eligible expenses? • What role you play in the victim compensation process. <p>Faculty:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Frank Zubia 	

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2:45 pm - 3:00 pm	Break		
3:00 pm - 5:00 pm	<p style="text-align: center;">Session #3A: Ethics & Professionalism for Prosecutors</p> <p>Session Description: This session will discuss the basics of the ethical responsibilities of prosecutors in general as well as the meaning of professionalism as it applies to prosecutors. Examples of situations pertaining specifically to domestic violence cases will be used to illustrate the general principles. Attendee participation will be sought and encouraged.</p> <p>Faculty:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Barbara Romo 	<p style="text-align: center;">Session #3B1 A: Domestic Violence Legal Updates</p> <p>Session Description: This forty-five-minute course of instruction led by Elliot Guttman, Legal Instructor for the New Mexico Law Enforcement Academy, covers updates on the most recent changes in domestic violence laws affecting law enforcement. This block highlights recent changes in statutes that transform domestic violence investigations by looking at newly enacted laws and their applications. The focus will be on how to stay up to date on the many changes affecting law enforcement in these complex investigations.</p> <p>Faculty:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Elliot Guttman 	<p style="text-align: center;">Session #3C: Ethical Practice: Effective Victim Advocacy</p> <p>Session Description: This workshop goes beyond the “right and wrong” decision-making commonly covered in ethics workshops and gives the advocate a hands-on framework for understanding ethical challenges as they relate to victim-centered advocacy work. The professional will explore different case examples, learn different model approaches to address ethical dilemmas and examine effective ways to apply ethical principles in a practical way to advocacy work. This is an interactive 2-hour ethics training.</p> <p>Faculty:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dorthy Stucky Halley

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3:00 pm - 5:00 pm	<p data-bbox="480 338 760 443">Session #3A: Ethics & Professionalism for Prosecutors</p> <p data-bbox="545 674 695 699">CONTINUED</p>	<p data-bbox="841 338 1162 401">Session #3B1 B: Firearms Restrictions Update</p> <p data-bbox="841 436 1162 827">Session Description: This forty-five-minute course of instruction will be led by Patricia M. Galindo, a supervising attorney for the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC). It will update changes in firearm issues, focused on policy and systemic changes, related issues, case types, and dispositions to the FBI for entry into the National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS)</p> <p data-bbox="841 863 1076 919">Faculty:</p> <ul data-bbox="850 894 1076 919" style="list-style-type: none">• Patricia M. Galindo <p data-bbox="850 989 1157 1163">Session #3B2: New Mexico Crime Victims Reparation Commission updates for Law Enforcement</p> <p data-bbox="841 1205 1162 1856">Session Description: This thirty-minute course of instruction by Frank Zubia the director of the New Mexico Crime Victims Reparation Commission (CVRC) will focus on updates to New Mexico victim compensation laws and how law enforcement can contact the CVRC for emergency services for victims of crime. There will be an overview of which victims are eligible for what services. There will be an explanation of after-hours communications with CVRC and how law enforcement can reach specific points of contact within the CVRC to assist victims to get access to emergency funds and services.</p> <p data-bbox="841 1898 1049 2011">Faculty:</p> <ul data-bbox="850 1927 1049 2011" style="list-style-type: none">• Frank Zubia• Elliott Guttman• Quintin McShan	<p data-bbox="1252 338 1511 443">Session #3C: Ethical Practice: Effective Victim Advocacy</p> <p data-bbox="1305 674 1455 699">CONTINUED</p>

Meet the Faculty



Shannon Archer

Trial Attorney and Advocate, Brick Gentry, P.C., West Des Moines, Iowa;
former Assistant Polk County Attorney

Shannon Archer is a Shareholder at Brick Gentry P.C. She joined the firm after serving as an Assistant Polk County Attorney for 12 years, where she specialized in domestic violence prosecutions. Shannon is an experienced trial attorney; she has tried over 50 criminal jury trials. She is a subject-matter expert in domestic violence and trains nationwide on various topics including law enforcement investigations, crime victim considerations and trial advocacy. Passionate about justice and protecting those most vulnerable in our communities, Shannon's compassionate representation helps clients understand the often-confusing court system.

Shannon is a lifelong Iowan. The first in her extended family to graduate from college, Shannon is motivated to serve her community in a manner that helps all. She lives in her hometown of Ankeny, Iowa with her husband and their two children. When she's available, Shannon enjoys offering expert legal commentary on Court TV.

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Meet the Faculty



Judge Sarah Blankenhorn
Taos Magistrate Court

Judge Sarah Blackenhorn graduated from Taos High, then earned B.A. from University of Washington, and M.A. from St. John's College in Santa Fe. Earned law degree cum laude from University of New Mexico Law School.

After practicing law in Santa Fe and Taos, appointed Taos Magistrate Judge in March 2020 by Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham, then won the primary election in June 2020 to serve her first term.

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Meet the Faculty



Patricia M. Galindo
Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC)

Patricia M. Galindo is a native New Mexican licensed to practice law for over 25 years. She received her undergraduate degree from New Mexico State University in Government (Political Science) and her juris doctorate from the University of New Mexico School of Law.

Ms. Galindo began her legal career as an assistant district attorney at the First and Second Judicial District Courts, prosecuting domestic violence crimes. She was one of the first prosecutors hired under a VAWA grant in the state. Ms. Galindo is currently employed by the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) as a Supervising Attorney. She is the subject matter expert on intimate partner violence and firearm issues for the judiciary. She focuses on policy and systemic improvements to the state court system, with an emphasis on firearms related issues. She coordinates and supervises the AOC's reporting of certain case types and dispositions to the FBI for entry into the National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS).

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MaryEllen Garcia
Director of Policy
New Mexico Coalition Against Domestic Violence

MaryEllen Garcia is the Director of Policy for the New Mexico Coalition Against Domestic Violence, taking on this role in early 2023. She has worked in New Mexico’s network of survivor services for over 20 years. Most recently she spent the past ten years as the Grants Bureau Chief for the New Mexico Crime Victims Reparation Commission, administering state funds to support survivor services, as well as federal funds from VOCA Victim Assistance, STOP VAWA, SASP, and other federal discretionary awards.

Prior to her work with the Commission, Ms. Garcia administered discretionary grants from Office on Violence Against Women for the State of New Mexico including projects that developed best practices for access, issuance, and enforcement of orders of protection and a statewide domestic/dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, strangulation, and child victimization project. She started her career in victim services as a volunteer with a non-profit law enforcement-based victim advocate program. She worked as a crisis negotiator for law enforcement and developed a law enforcement Crisis Outreach and Support Team, focused on providing access to families whose loved ones are experiencing mental illness. Ms. Garcia has worked on several projects at the state, local and national levels to improve the provision of services for survivors of crime. She has worked and collaborated with the VERA Institute, Asian Pacific Institute on General-Based Violence, Casa de Esperanza, the Women of Color Network, the Office on Violence Against Women, the Office for Victims of Crime, and numerous other state and national programs to address language access, improving access to survivors in underserved and un-served communities, improve the delivery of services, create sustainable funding and various other initiatives addressing violence in our communities.

She sat on the national board of Violence Against Women Administrators as the President and often mentors other states in the administration of their federal funding. She has worked with governmental and non-governmental victim service agencies around the state either in training, providing services, development of best practices in serving victims, program development, and leadership within New Mexico.

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David J. H. Garvin, MSW

Director of Battering Intervention & Systems Response
New Mexico Coalition Against Domestic Violence

David Garvin serves as the Director of Battering Intervention and Systems Response for the New Mexico Coalition Against Domestic Violence. David has been directly involved in the anti-domestic violence movement since 1986 when he founded the Alternatives to Domestic Aggression (ADA) battering intervention program. David was named the 2009 National Association of Social Workers-Michigan (NASW-MI) Social Worker of the Year.

David's work in the movement to end domestic violence was featured in the book *Gender-Based Perspectives on Batterer Programs: Program Leaders on History, Approach, Research and Development*, by Edward W. Gondolf, 2015. In 2017 David was awarded the Glenn R. Winters Award (renamed the Nachtigal Award in 2018) from the American Judges Association. David is a co-founder and current Chair of the Battering Intervention Services Coalition of Michigan (BISC-MI: <https://www.biscmi.org/>).

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Elliott Guttman

NM Law Enforcement Academy

Elliott Guttman started work at the DA's Office in Albuquerque over forty years ago. For two years, he was the prosecutor for misdemeanor DV cases in DV court. In court by day, in the evenings he would often ride along with police officers. Elliott also lobbied in Santa Fe for DV legislation and for more victim advocates.

Since leaving the DA's Office, he has worked as the Legal Instructor at the NM Law Enforcement Academy. He is well-known to police officers in NM.

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Law Enforcement	Day 2 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm	Session #3B1: Domestic Violence Legal Updates



Lisa Hamer
Law Offices of the Public Defenders

Lisa Hamer has over a decade of experience in public legal services, beginning as a mitigation investigator for defendants appealing death sentences in California and Louisiana. She went on to work as a visiting prosecuting solicitor for the Crown in New Zealand and as a communications director for a US Congressional Campaign. She has spent the past eight years as a public defender, handling all levels of felonies and juvenile cases. She is a member of the 8th Judicial District Court treatment teams.

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Jessica Martinez

Chief Deputy District Attorney, 13th Judicial District Attorney's Office



Jessica Martinez is the current chief deputy for the 13th Judicial District Attorney which consists of Sandoval County, Valencia County, and Cibola County.

Jessica was born and raised in Las Vegas New Mexico, where her family still lives today. She received a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of New Mexico in 2008 and went on to law school where she graduated from Phoenix School of Law in 2011.

Upon admission to the New Mexico Bar, Jessica began her career as a prosecutor with the District Attorney's Office in Sandoval County. Like most new attorneys, Jessica started out prosecuting DWIs and misdemeanor domestic violence cases. Jessica quickly moved up to felonies and eventually specialized in prosecuting crimes against women and children.

In her current role as Chief Deputy, Jessica primarily trains new attorneys and law enforcement officers. she is a certified lecturer with the New Mexico Department of Public Safety and she was awarded Community Prosecutor of the year in 2021 for her active role in the community, her involvement in the local domestic violence and crimes against children task forces, and continuous training of local law enforcement.

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Rhonda Martinson

Rhonda Martinson Consulting, LLC

Rhonda Martinson consults on violence against women: coordinating and assessing criminal justice responses; training on response, investigation, and prosecution; and writing articles, reports, and training materials. In 2020 she co-authored a tipsheet for STOP grant administrators - *Addressing the Gaps in Domestic Violence Homicide Reduction*.

Previously Rhonda was an attorney at AEquitas: The Prosecutor's Resource on Violence Against Women. She presented on violence against women trial strategy, legal analysis, and policy; and provided case consultation and technical assistance for prosecutors and others. She also managed AEquitas' initiative, Improving the Justice System Response to Witness Intimidation, to develop, evaluate, and refine responses to intimidation.

Before joining AEquitas Rhonda was an attorney at the Battered Women's Justice Project (BWJP), a resource center on the justice response to domestic violence. Rhonda provided training and technical assistance to criminal justice professionals in a coordinated community response (CCR) to domestic violence, and contributed to and edited education and training materials on CCR. She also consulted for communities on auditing/assessing these responses, and continues to do so today. In 2021 she co-presented - with local coordinator Scott Miller - *Developing CCR Policies and Practices to Reduce Victim Intimidation*.

Rhonda is for Education for Critical Thinking, the organization that produced the award-nominated documentary on exploitation and violence against women - *With Impunity*. She is a past advisor to the Stalking Resource Center, the Family Justice Center Alliance, and the National Domestic Violence Fatality Review Initiative, for whom she researched and wrote *We Need Information on Witness Intimidation - Our DV Fatality Review Identified It as a Risk Factor in 2016*.

Her recent CCR-related consulting has been with Global Rights for Women, with Praxis International's program on Blueprints for Safety, and with the Institute for Coordinated Community Response work with rural Texas communities.

She also was a prosecutor, and a 911 calltaker/jail officer, in Wisconsin.

Rhonda received her BA in psychology, graduating summa cum laude, and her JD, from the University of Wisconsin. She is a member of the Wisconsin State Bar.

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Quintin McShan

Homeland

Retired State Police Captain Quintin McShan, spent decades as a law enforcement officer, first as a military policeman and then with New Mexico State Police where he served for 29 years. With a passion for helping others in need and a penchant for investigations, Quintin McShan founded Homeland, a New Mexico-based private investigation training and consulting firm, in 2007. His decades of experience as a police officer and expertise as a private investigator are used to assist individuals, attorneys, state agencies, and corporations with an array of cases in need of investigation or consultation.

He has created curricula accredited and utilized by the New Mexico Law Enforcement Academy, where he is recognized as a master instructor.

With a deep sense of commitment, Quintin is also a strong advocate for supporting domestic violence victims and survivors. Over the years, he has shared his time, knowledge, and leadership skills while serving on several boards for shelters, advocacy groups, and advisory councils promoting awareness of and protection from domestic violence.

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Scott Miller
Domestic Abuse Intervention Programs

Scott Miller is the Executive Director for the Domestic Abuse Intervention Programs and has worked for the DAIP since 2000. Scott coordinates Duluth's coordinated community response to domestic violence by managing the system change efforts and men's nonviolence program. Scott trains nationally and internationally on the Duluth Model method of organizing. He also partners with communities around the world who are naming, organizing and creating innovative responses to domestic violence using the Duluth Model.

Scott has also co-authored the latest edition of DAIP men's nonviolence curriculum *Creating a Process of Change for Men Who Batter*.

Scott works independently as an expert witness in criminal and civil trials to explain how the tactics of abusers and the associated risks generated by battering are linked to the counterintuitive behaviors of victims. Scott has testified more than 40 times in state district courts, federal court and federal military court.

In 2021, Scott was hired by the Minnesota Child Welfare Training Academy through the University of Minnesota School of Social Work in partnership with the Minnesota Department of Human Services. Scott will provide domestic violence training to social workers across the state of Minnesota.

From 2001 to 2015, Scott was a contract trainer and forensic interviewer for First Witness Child Abuse Resource Center in Duluth, MN. Scott was responsible for conducting forensically sound interviews of children suspected of being physically or sexually abused as part of a criminal investigation. Scott also trained nationally on how to conduct interviews with children and work from a multidisciplinary team approach in the investigation of child abuse.

Scott Miller has been working in the women's movement since 1985.

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Barbara Romo, District Attorney

13th Judicial District of New Mexico

Barbara Romo was sworn in as District Attorney of the 13th Judicial District in January 2021. Prior to being elected District Attorney she was the Chief Deputy District Attorney for (Cibola, Sandoval and Valencia Counties). She also served the district as a Deputy District Attorney for 5 years. She's been practicing law in New Mexico for over 24 years, having worked for eight years in the 1st Judicial District Attorney's Office (Los Alamos, Rio Arriba and Santa Fe Counties) prosecuting a variety of felonies and heading up the Felony Crimes Against Children Unit, exclusively prosecuting felony crimes against children and homicides.

Prior to joining the 13th Judicial District Barbara also served as the Chief Deputy in the 7th (Catron, Sierra, Socorro and Torrance Counties) Judicial District for 4 years. Barbara also served as the Lead Attorney for the New Mexico Victim's Rights Project for two years.

As a prosecutor, Barbara has prosecuted every type of felony and has tried over 100 cases before juries specializing in crimes against children, sexual assault and homicides. She has worked for the New Mexico Victim's Rights Project as a victims' rights attorney, providing legal representation to crime victims as well as providing training and assistance to prosecutors, law enforcement, and other agencies who assist victims of crime. At the 13th, among other achievements, she led the prosecution team to obtain a jury verdict of First-Degree Murder for slain Rio Rancho police officer Gregg Nigel Benner. This resulted in the first sentence of life without parole obtained in the State upon a jury verdict, after the State's repeal of the death penalty.

She has served as the Chair of the Board of Directors for the Prosecutor's Section of the New Mexico State Bar Association and currently serves on the New Mexico Supreme Court's Rules of Evidence Committee and on the Supreme Court Rules of Criminal Procedure Committee. Barbara has been much lauded receiving the Community Service Prosecutor of the year award in 2018, Prosecutor of the Year in 2016, Rookie Prosecutor of the Year in 1997 all from the New Mexico District Attorney Association. Barbara was also awarded the Homer Campbell Child Abuse Prosecutor of the Year in 2015 from the Prosecutors Section of the New Mexico State Bar Association.

An honor graduate of the University of Nebraska Law School, Barbara is also an Army Veteran achieving the rank of Captain. Barbara has been married to her husband Onorio for 33 years – also a veteran and a two-time recipient of the Silver Star– and raised her two grown children, a daughter, Xochitl and a son Cuautemoc in Rio Rancho.

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District Attorney	Day 2 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm	Session #3A: Ethics & Professionalism for Prosecutors



Marco Serna
Special Counsel for AODA

Marco Serna was born and raised in Northern New Mexico currently residing in Santa Fe. Serna graduated from St. Michael's High School in 2001 and received his bachelor's degree in criminal justice and public Administration from the University of Arizona in 2005. Serna earned his J.D. from St. Mary's University School of Law in 2008.

A career prosecutor, Serna has served as a New Mexican Assistant Attorney General prosecuting Medicaid fraud and elder abuse, as well as prosecuting cases for the Law Enforcement Academy Board. As an Assistant District Attorney, Marco specialized in domestic violence prosecution and served as First Judicial District Attorney in Santa Fe, Los Alamos, and Rio Arriba counties from 2017-2020. Marco is currently special counsel for The Administrative Offices of the District Attorneys.

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Melissa Silver

Coordinated Community Response (CCR) Team Leader
New Mexico Coalition Against Domestic Violence

Melissa Silver is the Coordinated Community Response Team Leader at the New Mexico Coalition Against Domestic Violence (NMCADV). She collaborates with law enforcement, court personnel, and other systems to increase capacity and improve outcomes for survivors of intimate partner violence within the justice system.

As a leader in her community and an expert on intimate partner violence and sexual assault, Melissa serves as a key provider of training on partner abuse and sexual violence, a board member for the Battering Intervention Services Coalition of Michigan, and a former co-chair and founder of several interdisciplinary community response teams.

Before her work at the New Mexico Coalition Against Domestic Violence, Melissa spent seven years at a local domestic violence and sexual assault organization as the Director of Social Action, First Response Court Advocate, and Crisis and Support Line Specialist, and three years as a Sexual Assault Peer Advocate at Central Michigan University providing survivor-centered Title IX advocacy and training around intimate partner violence and bystander intervention. Melissa is a Master of Social Work candidate from Wayne State University. She is a passionate advocate who has dedicated her life to eradicating intimate partner violence and engaging the community to keep survivors safe and hold offenders accountable.

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District Attorney Law Enforcement	Day 1 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm 2:45 pm - 4:15 pm	Session #1A & 1B: From Probable Cause to Beyond a Reasonable Doubt



Hannah Smith

Program Director for the Taos County Family Violence Court

Hannah Smith is Program Manager for the 8th Judicial District Courts based in Taos, NM, overseeing three treatment courts including the Taos County Family Violence Court and the Taos and Raton Adult Drug Courts. She has prior experience in workforce development, adult education, and program evaluation, all of which support her present work on treatment courts. In 2019, she successfully designed and launched UNM-Taos' Justice-Involved Career Pathways program, working to connect individuals with criminal legal involvement to education and support services.

She holds an MA in Cultural Anthropology from the University of California-San Diego, where her Fulbright-supported research focused on the relationship between education, family structure, and social change. She is committed to building systems that better connect individuals involved in the criminal justice system to the treatment and other resources necessary to change their lives and stop their criminal behavior, leading to better outcomes not only for those individuals but also their families and our communities.

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Gail Starr, RN, BS, MSCJA, SANE-A
Albuquerque SANE Collaborative

Gail Starr, RN is the Clinical Coordinator at Albuquerque SANE Collaborative where she has worked since 2007. They conduct domestic violence and sexual assault exams free of charge and very patient centered. She has 20 years of nursing experience and is an educator in the areas of Gendered Violence. She is a core trainer for SANEs for NM. She also passionately teaches about Strangulation, Sexual Assault and Intimate Partner Violence even to the point of stopping strangers on the street to inform them of the need to discuss these topics in our communities. She strives to ensure the SANE response is inclusive and supportive to all members of the community.

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TRACK	TIME	TITLE
ALL	Day 2 1:00 pm - 1:30 pm	Plenary #8: The Role of The Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner in Evidence-Based Prosecution



Dorothy Stucky Halley, LMSW

Family Peace Initiative

Dorothy Stucky Halley, LMSW, an international trainer, is co-founder of Halley Counseling Services, P.A., and co-director of the Family Peace Initiative Program, a trauma-focused battering intervention program. She is the past director of the Victim Services Division of the Kansas Office of the Attorney General (2007-2020). Her development of an evidence-informed motivation typology for those who batter has opened the door to a new understanding for judges, prosecutors, law enforcement, advocates, battering intervention providers, and others in the domestic violence field. She led the state efforts to develop standards and certify battering intervention programs throughout

Kansas. She has served as an expert witness in domestic violence cases for the past 33 years. Dorothy has served victims in various capacities since 1986. She was the Executive Director of Safehouse, Inc. for over a decade, and previously served as a Crime Victim Compensation Board member. She was the Practicum Director and Assistant Professor at Pittsburg State University in the Social Work Program from 1997 to 2007. She is the past president of the Kansas Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers (KNASW), the Kansas Coalition Against Sexual and Domestic Violence (KCSDV), and the Kansas Organization for Victim Assistance (KOVA). She also serves as a consultant for the Kansas Domestic Violence Fatality Review Board (KDVFRB).

Dorothy received the Outstanding Victim Advocate of the Year Award by KCSDV (1996). She was the first recipient of the Dorothy Halley Lifetime Service Award by the Office of Attorney General Derek Schmidt (2020). This award is reserved as a special recognition for a dedicated professional who creates significant positive impact in the lives of crime victims throughout their career. In that same year, she also, received the Exemplary Service to Children and Families Award by the Governor's Conference on Child Abuse. In 2022 she became the recipient of the Kansas Children's Service League's highest honor, the Distinguished Service to Children Award .

Along with her husband, Steve, she has authored curricula for working with those who batter, justice-involved women, and justice-involved youth. They have also authored *The River of Cruelty*, and *Halley's Alley: Commentaries on marriage, family, healthy relationships, parenting, loss, grief, trauma, and domestic violence*. She has provided international and domestic presentations to more than 30,000 advocates, criminal justice professionals, and others. She serves as a delegate and presenter to the United Nations Commission for the Status of Women for the International Public Policy Institute (IPPI), and currently serves on the IPPI Board of Directors. In addition to her work, Dorothy loves water skiing, traveling, and spending time with family.

Sessions		
TRACK	TIME	TITLE
Victim Advocates	Day 2 3:00 pm -5:00 pm	Session #3C: Ethical Practice: Effective Victim Advocacy



Det. Capt. Eric Threlkeld

Eddy County Sheriff's Office Detective Division

For most of the last decade, **Detective Captain Threlkeld** has focused much of his effort on advising police and community members on domestic violence investigations and community-based approaches to protecting victims and their children.

Det. Capt. Threlkeld spent seven years as a police officer and adviser in Europe with the United Nations and the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe, in Kosovo, Macedonia, and Armenia.

Some notable accomplishments in the Balkans include developing the United Nations Mission in Kosovo Police Domestic Violence program, implementing a police bicycle patrol unit for the University of Pristina in Kosovo, and the first Community Oriented Police Team in Macedonia.

Det. Capt. Threlkeld has lectured and facilitated training on domestic violence in many communities, both nationally and internationally. He is a District Court-recognized subject matter expert on the signs and symptoms of non-fatal strangulation and domestic violence.

Currently Det. Capt. Threlkeld leads the Eddy County Sheriff's Office Detective Division. The division investigates felony cases ranging from theft to homicide.

Sessions		
TRACK	TIME	TITLE
District Attorney Law Enforcement	Day 1 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm 2:45 pm - 4:15 pm	Session #1A & 1B: From Probable Cause to Beyond a Reasonable Doubt



Attorney General Raúl Torrez

The State of New Mexico

Raúl Torrez was sworn in as the 32nd Attorney General for the State of New Mexico on January 1st, 2023.

Born and raised in Albuquerque, Raúl Torrez is a former federal prosecutor and senior advisor in President Obama’s Department of Justice. After nearly a decade as an Assistant United States Attorney, Assistant Attorney General, and Assistant District Attorney, Raúl has worked at every level of the criminal justice system to protect our community and fight for justice and was the Bernalillo County District Attorney from 2017 to 2022 when he was elected Attorney General.

As a prosecutor, Raúl fought for our families and worked to ensure that our kids grow up in safe communities. Raúl has handled some of the toughest cases, having prosecuted child pornographers, bank robbers, sexual predators, and armed career criminals in both state and federal court. In 2009, President Obama appointed Raúl to serve as a White House Fellow and Special Counsel to the Deputy Attorney General of the United States. In that role, he represented the Department of Justice in critical criminal justice issues including efforts to reduce southwest border violence, crack down on drug cartels, and reduce violent crime and domestic abuse in Indian Country.

Prior to his legal career, Raúl helped a start-up company dedicated to good government and also served as the Development Officer for the César E. Chávez Foundation. He is a former American Bar Association/Young Lawyers Division Scholar, a past Deputy Regional President of the Hispanic National Bar Association, a former Treasurer for the New Mexico Hispanic Bar Association and a past board member of the Rio Grande Community Development Corporation, a community-based, non-profit organization established to pursue, foster and promote economic development in Albuquerque’s South Valley.

Raúl graduated from Harvard University, went on to receive a Master’s Degree from the London School of Economics, and attained his law degree from Stanford University. He currently lives in Albuquerque with his wife and their two children.

Sessions		
TRACK	TIME	TITLE
ALL	Day 2 8:30 am - 9:00 am	Plenary #4: Welcome Day 2
ALL	Day 2 9:00 am - 10:30 am	Plenary #5



Emily Tyson-Jorgenson

New Mexico Office of the Attorney General, Assistant Attorney General -
Criminal Appeals Division

Emily Tyson-Jorgenson graduated from the University of Arizona James E. Rogers College of Law in 2015. She came to New Mexico that same year and started her legal career at the First Judicial District Attorneys Office where she prosecuted misdemeanor DWIs and domestic violence cases. Emily then transitioned into the role of Children's Court Attorney and was responsible for all cases involving juvenile defendants in the First Judicial District. In 2017, she accepted a position in the Criminal Appeals Division of the New Mexico Office of the Attorney General. In this role, she writes and files briefs in New Mexico's appellate courts and also presents oral arguments. In her free time, Emily enjoys hiking around Santa Fe with her husband, son, and two dogs.

Sessions		
TRACK	TIME	TITLE
District Attorney	Day 2 1:45 pm - 2:45 pm	Session #2A: Appellate Review



Pamela Wiseman, M.A.

Executive Director - New Mexico Coalition Against Domestic Violence

Pamela Wiseman, M.A., became the Executive Director the New Mexico Coalition Against Domestic Violence in 2009. For 20 years prior, she served as Executive Director of Safe Passage, an Illinois domestic violence and sexual assault agency. There Ms. Wiseman led efforts to develop a statewide position on improving court response, and was principal author of the paper *Achieving Accountability in Domestic Violence Cases: A Practical Guide for Reducing Domestic Violence*.

Working with the Illinois Coalition, she helped develop court watch programs, which rely on volunteers to observe proceedings and recommend improvements, to make courts more responsive to citizens. Ms. Wiseman now provides assistance on the development of court watch efforts to New Mexico communities, and conducts trainings on organizational dynamics for domestic violence agencies throughout the state. She also developed a major national conference hosted by NMCADV, *Message Matters*, focused on effective messaging about violence and abuse. Author of the best-selling book *Ditch That Jerk: Dealing with Men Who Control and Abuse Women*, her work has been featured in local and national media, including *Cosmopolitan* magazine, the *Domestic Violence Report*, radio and television.

Sessions		
TRACK	TIME	TITLE
ALL	Day 1 8:30 am - 9:00 am	Plenary #1: Welcome Panel



Henry R. Valdez

Administrative Office of the District Attorneys in New Mexico

Henry R. Valdez is the Director of the Administrative Office of the District Attorneys in New Mexico. His office provides administrative support for all 14 District Attorneys by technical support and implementing the Personnel and maintaining the case management system, providing Compensation Plan. Prior to his current position, he was the supervising Deputy District Attorney for the Sandoval County Office in the 13th Judicial District.

Valdez served as the District Attorney for the First Judicial District, which encompasses Santa Fe, Rio Arriba and Los Alamos Counties, for four consecutive terms beginning in 1992. Valdez is a past President of the New Mexico District Attorneys' Association; past Vice-President of the National District Attorneys Association; past Vice-Chair of the New Mexico Law Enforcement Academy Board and Committee Chairman of the Criminal Justice Information Systems, National Policy Advisory Board.

In 1992, Valdez was the first recipient of the Prosecutor of the Year award given by the New Mexico State BAR. He was recognized by the Anti-Defamation League as Public Servant of the Year, and in 2004 he was Lecturer of Merit for the National College of District Attorneys Association. He has worked with Esperanza, a shelter for Domestic Violence victims. He has provided training for Rape Crisis Center Advocates and the Citizens Academy in the City of Santa Fe regarding the Criminal Justice System. He has lectured on various topics to prosecutors and law enforcement officials on a local, state and national level. He has tried high profile cases such as State v. Ricky Abeyta; State Edwin Arietta; State v. Jerome Martinez; State v. Dean Salazar; State v. Daniel Martinez and State v. Arthur Bozo Lopez, and served as a special prosecutor in the Robertson High School Football hazing case. Mr. Valdez attended public schools and graduated from Santa Fe High School in New Mexico in 1975. He earned a Bachelor's Degree from New Mexico State University in 1979. He then graduated from the University Of New Mexico School Of Law with a Juris Doctor Degree in 1982. Valdez is a lifelong resident of Santa Fe, New Mexico.

Sessions		
TRACK	TIME	TITLE
ALL	Day 1 8:30 am - 9:00 am	Plenary #1: Welcome Panel
ALL	Day 2 10:45 am - 12:00 pm	Plenary #6: Legislative Update



Frank Zubia

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Frank Zubia, a native New Mexican, has served in various capacities in the criminal justice system for the last 25 years in New Mexico and Texas. He began as a Victim Advocate for the 3rd Judicial District Attorney's Office in Las Cruces, New Mexico and subsequently moved to El Paso, Texas where he worked as Probation Officer for adult offenders for El Paso County. While in El Paso, he furthered his experience by becoming the Director for the 34th Judicial District Attorney's Office.

He later returned to his native New Mexico as the Director of Special Programs for the 3rd Judicial District Attorney's Office then as the Deputy Superintendent of Facilities for J. Paul Taylor Center in Las Cruces. He currently serves as the Director of the New Mexico Crime Victim Reparation Commission in Albuquerque, New Mexico. He is a graduate from New Mexico State University and has extensive training on victim issues and juvenile and adult offenders.

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TRACK	TIME	TITLE
ALL	Day 2 12:00 pm-12:15 pm	Plenary #7: Victim Compensation
Law Enforcement Victim Advocates	Day 2 1:45 pm - 2:45 pm	Session #2B & 2C: The Benefits of Victim Compensation