

Marty Esquivel

Mr. Esquivel has had a wide variety of litigation and trial experience in 19 years of practice after graduating from the University of New Mexico School of Law. He practices in the areas of civil rights, employment law, school law, media law, personal injury and corporate law matters. Mr. Esquivel has tried cases in state court as well as the United States District Court and successfully argued before the United States Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit. He is BV-rated by Martindale-Hubbell.

He is widely known for his work in the area of the First Amendment where he has represented numerous newspapers and television stations in matters ranging from defamation to rights of access to public records and government proceedings. Most recently, he played a major role in preparing a judicial reference guide on Media Law for the State District Court and Metropolitan Court in Bernalillo County. He has taught media law at the University of New Mexico Communications and Journalism Department and has prepared an annual Survey of New Mexico Libel Law and Employment Libel Law for the national Media Law Resource Center. In October 2006, Mr. Esquivel received the prestigious William S. Dixon First Amendment Freedom Award for his outstanding legal work in open government. In September 2007, he was named to the 25th Anniversary edition of the "Best Lawyers in America" in the specialty of First Amendment law.

He presently chairs the Board of Editors for the State Bar of New Mexico which oversees the publication of articles and information contained in the weekly Bar Bulletin. He has also served as Chair of the Section on Trial Practice.

In February 2007, Mr. Esquivel was elected to the Albuquerque Public Schools Board of Education for a four-year term representing the university and downtown areas. APS is the 20th largest school district in the country. In June 2008, he received the Excellence in Education Award from the Greater Albuquerque Chamber of Commerce for his work on the APS School Board.

Mr. Esquivel has been actively involved in the community serving on the boards of numerous governmental and non-profit organizations. He has coached youth soccer, softball and basketball. He has also run the San Diego, Chicago and New York City marathons.

He is married to Pauline Lucero Esquivel and they have three kids: Graciela, Marisa and Carlos Jay.