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PROFESSIONAL LEGAL EXPERIENCE

United States Attorney's Office – District of New Mexico *Albuquerque, N.M.*
Assistant United States Attorney **Mar. 2019 - Present**

- Serve in the District's Affirmative Civil Enforcement (ACE) unit.
- Conduct investigations under the False Claims Act and other provisions of federal law.
- Represent the United States in federal court in myriad affirmative litigation matters, including *qui tam* matters.
- Handle defensive tort matters as needed, including serving as lead counsel in a Federal Tort Claims Act trial in 2020.

Office of the New Mexico Attorney General *Santa Fe, N.M.*
Assistant Attorney General **May 2012 – Mar. 2019**

- Served as lead counsel on the state's non-Medicaid *qui tam* docket.
- Conducted investigations into *qui tam* relator allegations.
- Represented the state in state and federal court in all aspects of *qui tam* litigation, including substantial motion practice and as lead counsel in evidentiary proceedings.
- Represented the state in various matters before the New Mexico appellate courts.
- Served as litigation counsel to the New Mexico Secretary of State.
- Served as lead counsel to multiple state agencies, boards, and commissions.

Quarles & Brady, LLP *Phoenix, AZ.*
Associate Attorney **Oct. 2011 – May 2012**

- Practice encompassed all aspects of commercial bankruptcy practice in a large law firm setting.

New Mexico Supreme Court *Santa Fe, N.M.*
Judicial Clerk to Justice Edward L. Chávez **Sept. 2010 – Sept. 2011**

- Drafted bench memoranda, opinions, and internal court memoranda.

EDUCATION

University of New Mexico School of Law, 2007 – 2010, Juris Doctor

- New Mexico Law Review, Articles Editor

University of New Mexico, 2005-2006, B.A. Political Science, *Summa Cum Laude*

University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, 1990-1993, Political Science Major

NOTEWORTHY PUBLICATIONS AND REPORTED DECISIONS

- **Griego v. Oliver**, 316 P.3d 865 (N.M. 2014) (legalizing same-sex marriage).
- **Note, Texas v. United States: Mind the Gap**, 39 N.M. L. Rev. 527 (2009).