

**ATJ Commission Meeting
December 16, 2022
12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Remote Meeting via Zoom**

In attendance:

Twila Hoon Witz (AOC), Hon. Erin O’Connell (ATJ Co-Chair), Ernestina Cruz (ATJ Co-Chair), Juan Abeyta (ATJ Consultant), Mary Smith (CLS Commissioner), Ben Sherman (State Bar), Bette Fleishman, Carol G, Cheryl Thompson (Metro Court), Deborah Norman (United South Broadway), George Chandler, John Arango, John Greacen, Kasey Daniels, Kelly Sanchez, Kip Bobroff (Pueblo of Laguna), Maria Griego, Hon. Mercedes Murphy (Chief Judge 7th JDC), Michael McGuire (Senior Citizens Law), Natalie Meyers (State Bar), Quiana Salazar-King (NM Immigrant Law Center), Rebecca “Becky” O’Gawa (NMLA), Rosalie Chavez (NMLA), Stormy Ralstin, Hon. Zach Ives (Ct. of Appeals) and ALBDADMN Zoom.

Item 1: Minutes Approved from September 16, 2022

- Ben Sherman moved to approve minutes, Michael Aragon seconded. No objections.

Item 3: Modest Means (Kasey Daniels)

-Kasey gave an overview as to Modest Means and that is a legal help line and referral service. It was created to help people who were conflicted out or ineligible for legal aid service. Can help people over the 125% federal poverty line and up to 200% but modest means can go up 500% of the federal poverty guidelines. Modest means opened October 6th, 2022 with two full-time attorneys and one full time admin assistant. Still working to do more in 2023.

Item 4: NMLA Website Update (Carol Gardner)

-Carol gave an update to the Law Help NM Website. www.lawhelpnewmexio.org is the website. The website is a starting point for the public looking for legal information and more focused on those who can’t afford legal representation. Carol has taken over this project and continues to move forward with the project.

Item 5: Other Announcements

-Quiana gave an update as the legal fair that was held at the Convention Center and that is was a successful legal fair.

-ATJ will be mailing out a letter to each legislator to remind them of how important the work of ATJ is and to maintain the money.

Meeting adjourned at 1:27 pm