

**ATJ Commission Meeting  
December 8, 2023  
ATJ In-Person (with video appearance option)**

**Location: New Mexico State Bar, 5121 Masthead St. NE, Albuquerque, NM 87109**

**12:00 – 2:30 pm**

**\*\*Video attendees should plan on joining the meeting at 12:30 p.m.\*\***

**In attendance:**

Erin O’Connell (ATJ Co-Chair)	Juan Abeyta (ATJ Chair Community Integration)
Ernestina Cruz (ATJ Co-Chair)	Kasey Daniels (MMH)
Aaron Hollman (AOC)	Kip Bobroff (Pueblo of Laguna)
Allison Freedman (UNM Law School)	Lisa Giandomenico (2 <sup>nd</sup> JDC)
Bella Zayani (NMLA)	Mark Fidel (CLS Commissioner, Chair)
Beth Wojahn (AOC)	Mary Smith (CLS Commissioner)
Bette Fleishman (Pegasus Law)	Mercedes Murphy (Chief Judge 7 <sup>th</sup> JDC)
Brandon McIntyre (SBNM)	Michael Aragon (4 <sup>th</sup> JDC)
Caitlin Carcerano (SB Foundation)	Michael McGuire (Senior Citizen’s Law Office)
Carol Garner (NMLA)	Natalie Meyers (LREP)
Celeste Valencia (SBNM)	Nicole Madrid (9 <sup>th</sup> JDC)
Cheryl Thompson (Metro Court)	Paige Diem (USBC)
Cina Littlebird (NMLA)	Peggy Cadwell (AOC)
Damon Hudson (ATJ Commission)	Rudy Sanchez (DNA)
DeAnne Romero (2 <sup>nd</sup> JDC)	Savanna Duran (USBC)
Eric Sutton (USBC)	Sarah Steadman (UNM Law School)
Erin Akins (SB President Designee)	Scott Cameron (ATJ Commission)
Gary Housepian (Disabilities Rights of NM)	Tesha Henderson (AOC)
Grace Spulak (NCSC)	Therese Yanan (NADLC)
Hailey Zock (SWLC)	Torri Jacobus (AOC)
Heather Norfleet (Equal Access to Justice)	Twila Hoon Witz (AOC)
Jane Levy (2 <sup>nd</sup> JDC Judge)	Hon. Zach Ives (COA)
Jennifer Landau (NMILC)	Verily Taylor (ATJ Commission)
John Greacen (ATJ Chair Broad Self-Help)	Winter Torres (NM Eviction)

**Item 2: Thank you to Outgoing Commissioners and Co-Chair Tina Cruz**

- Farewell to Tina and commissioners. Great job and dedication to ATJ.

**Item 3: Minutes Approved from September 22, 2023**

- Mercedes Murphy moved to approve minutes, which Tina Cruz seconded. No objections. The minutes are approved.

**Item 4: SBNM Communications Teams-Pro Bono Marketing Plan (Celeste Valencia/Brandon McIntyre)**

- There was a redesign to the website sbnm/probono, and there are links to updated events. Please check out the website that will include links to volunteer and navigate. Two special issues will focus on pro bono and coordinating work with others. Enews will have a new section to include the Pro Bono information emailed on Fridays at 6 am and a link to register for pro bono. SBNM will issue one email per pro bono and will go to the judicial district to highlight events.

Item 5: Statewide Clinic Calendar (Twila Hoon Witz)

- AOC ATJ inherited a statewide legal clinic calendar and is working on updating it. If there are events that any agency would like to include, please email [atj@nmcourts.gov](mailto:atj@nmcourts.gov).

Item 6: Scribing Update (Peggy Cadwell)

- Scribing training has been completed in all districts. Tracking the number of individuals helped and case types are now happening. Currently, there are 470 scribing sessions and helping jurors complete the questionnaire. Further, the sessions are being tracked as to how long it takes to scribe.

Item 7: Report Out: (ATJ Commission Subcommittee Chairs)

- The Broad Self-Help Group report by John Greacen. The Supreme Court has authorized ATJ convening a stakeholder group to continue working on outstanding issues in need to attention regarding the internet-portal study. The stakeholder group will work to make recommendations on an internet portal and prepare a report for the Supreme Court's consideration. If anyone is interested in participating in the stakeholder group, please email [atj@nmcourts.gov](mailto:atj@nmcourts.gov). A Statewide Self-Help Center is pending; the Supreme Court is currently seeking funding during this legislative session. Judge O'Connell will keep ATJ apprised as to what the Statewide Self-Help ad hoc committee group has recommended once Judge O'Connell hears from AOC as to a plan and/or report ready for distribution/review. Broadband access is an issue, and a collaboration with the Community Integration group is needed to investigate the issue of counties with the greatest need.

- The Community Integration Group report by Juan Abeyta. Continuation with building relationships with the community. Webinars for this year were six presentations—cumulative outreach from fall 2020 to Winter 2023, 22 webinars with online views, 1,775.

Item 8: Eviction Prevention Update (Winter Torres)

- Overview of eviction in New Mexico, including the stats and overview of the case count and award amount for rental assistance. Discussed how the Eviction Prevention Update process works when an individual contacts them for assistance in navigating the rental assistance program.

Item 9: Other Business (Erin O'Connell)

The meeting adjourned at 2:15 pm