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Friday, June 9, 2023

8:30–9:00

Registration

Modrall Sperling Law Firm
Albuquerque, NM

Breakfast

Sponsored by Butt Thornton & Baehr, P.C.

9:00–10:00

Associate Success

Drew A. Larkin
Riley Keller Alderete Gonzales

10:00–11:00

Billing & Time Management

Amy E. Headrick
Tyson & Mendes

11:00–12:00

Finding and Preparing Experts

Denise Chanez
Saiz Chanez Sherrell + Kaempe.

12:00–1:00

Lunch

Sponsored by Rodey Dickason Sloan Akin
& Robb, P.A.

1:00–2:00

Oral Argument

The Honorable Judge Mark D. Standridge
New Mexico District Court, Division IV

2:00–3:00

Preparing and Taking Depositions

Jessica Marshall
Lewis Brisbois

3:00–3:30

Coffee Break

Sponsored by O'Brien & Padilla, P.C.

3:30–4:30

What to Expect as a 2nd Chair

Christina L.G Brennan, *Serpe Andrews*
Sabrina Salvato, *Serpe Andrews*

4:45–11:30

HAPPY HOUR

Bourbon and Boots, 325 Central Ave NW
Albuquerque, NM

8:30 am - 4:30 pm

Networking Event to follow at Bourbon & Boots!

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Judge/Law Student - \$20

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Christina Brennan has been licensed in New Mexico since 2006 and she has represented clients in New Mexico state district courts and Court of Appeals, the U.S. District Court in the District of New Mexico, the Tenth Circuit Court of Appeals, and the U.S. Supreme Court. Prior to joining the Serpe Andrews team, she was a managing partner of Brennan & Sullivan, P.A. in Santa Fe, New Mexico. Christina has over fifteen years of litigation experience in New Mexico state and federal courts, including first and second chair practice representing defendants in jury trials. She has extensive experience in the areas of personal injury, tort claims, wrongful death claims, civil rights and discrimination, employment law, and appellate practice. She also represents private companies, governmental entities, and law enforcement personnel in general litigation. She represents clients throughout the state of New Mexico in all phases of the litigation process- from fact investigation, discovery, dispositive motion practice and oral argument, through trial and post-trial motions and appeals. Christina also has significant administrative practice experience at New Mexico Department of Workforce Solutions, EEOC, and the New Mexico State Personnel Office. Christina has been a NMDLA Board member since 2016 and served as president of the board in 2022.



Denise M. Chanez is a director and co-founder of Saiz Chanez Sherrell + Kaemper (SC Law). Denise focuses her practice on defending healthcare providers in medical malpractice and long-term care cases. She has defended numerous hospitals, skilled nursing facilities, and assisted living facilities, as well as physicians, nurses, physician assistants, nurse practitioners, and administrators throughout the State of New Mexico. She has extensive experience handling all aspects of medical malpractice and long-term care cases at the trial level in both state and federal courts. Denise is listed in Best Lawyers in America for her experience and expertise in Litigation—Health Care, and she was named Albuquerque Health Care Litigation Lawyer of the Year in 2020 by Best Lawyers in America. Since 2014, Denise has been listed in Southwest Super Lawyers as both a Rising Star and a Super Lawyer. Denise has also earned the title of Litigation Star in medical malpractice through Benchmark Litigation. In 2016, Denise received the State Bar of New Mexico's Outstanding Young Lawyer of the Year award. Denise is passionate about increasing diversity and inclusion in the legal profession.

Denise served as the co-chair of the State Bar of New Mexico's Committee on Diversity in the Legal Profession for seven years. She is a co-chair of the State Bar's Arturo Jaramillo Summer Law Clerk Program, which connects diverse law students with legal clerkship opportunities. Denise previously served as the New Mexico Hispanic Bar Association's president from 2013 to 2015. She continues to serve on the Board of the New Mexico Hispanic Bar Association Foundation, and she is a longtime chair of the NMHBA Foundation's Scholarship Committee. Denise has received many awards for her diversity work, including the State Bar of New Mexico's President's Award and the Mexican American Law Student Association's Fighting for Justice Award. Denise was also named a Top Lawyer Under 40 by the Hispanic National Bar Association, a Woman of Influence, and a 40 Under Forty recipient by Albuquerque Business First, as well as one of the nation's "Top 100 Influencers in Law" by The Business Journals. Denise is proud to be a native New Mexican with roots in southern New Mexico. She was born in Silver City, and she grew up in Las Cruces. She received her undergraduate degree summa cum laude in journalism from the University of New Mexico. After spending several years working for local television stations in Albuquerque and El Paso, Denise decided to pursue a career in law. Denise graduated magna cum laude from the University of the New Mexico School of Law in 2006. Following law school, Denise clerked for the Honorable Edward L. Chávez, former Chief Justice of the New Mexico Supreme Court. Before starting her firm, Denise was a director at one of New Mexico's largest law firms, where she defended clients in medical malpractice and long-term care cases for nearly 12 years. Denise enjoys spending time with her family, including her husband, Tim Atler, who is an appellate lawyer, her son, Aiden, and her daughter, Lucía. She loves yoga, watching her children play sports, and reading books.



Amy Headrick is the Managing Partner at Tyson & Mendes' New Mexico office. Her practice focuses on insurance coverage, bad faith litigation, complex civil litigation, medical liability, products liability, trucking, and general insurance defense. Ms. Headrick brings a wealth of litigation experience to the firm. Prior to joining Tyson & Mendes, Ms. Headrick worked at a New Mexico firm. In addition to her work in litigation, she served as an attorney editor at Thomson Reuters for over a decade. Ms. Headrick is admitted to practice law in state courts in New Mexico, as well as the Tenth Circuit Court of Appeals and federal district court in New Mexico. She also serves as a Board Member of the New Mexico Defense Lawyers' Association and is a member of CLM. Ms. Headrick obtained her J.D. from Tulane University School of Law, where she graduated magna cum laude. During her time at law school, she was part of the Appellate Law Clinic and the Maritime Law Journal. Prior to attending law school, Ms. Headrick received her B.A. in Political Science from the University of Michigan. In her free time, Ms. Headrick enjoys spending time with her children and appreciating the natural beauty in New Mexico on hikes and camping trips. Amy is a current member of the NMDLA board of directors.



Jessica Marshall is a partner in the Albuquerque office of Lewis Brisbois and a member of the Medical Malpractice and Labor & Employment Practices. Recently added to Best Lawyers "Ones to Watch" in America for Medical Malpractice Defense, Ms. Marshall regularly represents physicians, medical professionals, and healthcare facilities in claims alleging medical negligence. With a brother in the chiropractic profession, she is proud to defend medical professionals. Additionally, Ms. Marshall focuses her practice on employment law and personal injury suits. She handles all aspects of litigation including discovery practice, mediation, and trials. Ms. Marshall also represents clients in pre-litigation employment defense matters before the New Mexico Human Rights Bureau and the EEOC. Ms. Marshall is originally from Houston, Texas, and has been living in New Mexico since 2005. Prior to working at Lewis Brisbois, she worked at a creditor's rights law firm representing financial institutions in a variety of actions including Bankruptcy, Collection, Unfair Trade Practices claims, Fair Debt Collection Act claims, and Real Estate Settlement Procedures Act claims. Ms. Marshall then worked for a law firm handling defense of medical malpractice cases, employment law, construction law, insurance coverage, bad faith insurance litigation, and personal injury suits. She has also provided pro bono services as a mediator for the Bernalillo County Metropolitan Court.



Sabrina Salvato joined Serpe Andrews as a senior associate in August of 2022 as an experienced trial attorney and litigator practicing primarily in medical malpractice defense. Her defense and trial experience extends to employment, civil rights, as well as general personal injury. Having taken several cases from the pleading phase to post-trial motions practice, she brings a holistic approach to each stage of litigation, from factual investigation to appeals, and everything in between. As a graduate of the University of Texas at Austin and the University of New Mexico School of Law, Sabrina is familiar with the culture of both states and has strong ties to the New Mexico legal community. She has over ten years of experience in both federal and state courts across New Mexico. In law school, she won the Darwinder S. Sidhu Award, Recognizing a Commitment to Enhancing Civics Education in Traditionally Underserved Communities. She continues to be involved with the legal community as the past president of the First Judicial District Bar Association and as a member of the New Mexico Defense Lawyers Association Editorial Board. Before joining the firm, Sabrina was an associate at Hinkle Shanor LLP and Brennan and Sullivan, P.A. She also worked for several years in public accounting, prior to attending law school. Sabrina enjoys exercise and spending time in the mountains of New Mexico and Colorado; she snowboards, hikes, and explores the natural beauty around her.



Judge Standridge is a Judge for the Third Judicial District Court in Las Cruces. Prior to taking the bench, Judge Standridge was in private practice for fifteen years, focusing primarily on civil rights and personal injury defense and appellate practice. Judge Standridge briefed and argued several cases before the United States Supreme Court, the Tenth Circuit, the New Mexico Supreme Court, and the New Mexico Court of Appeals, on matters ranging from qualified immunity to tort claims to complex tax issues. Judge Standridge was previously a member of the Board of Directors of the New Mexico Defense Lawyers Association and served as the Chair of NMDLA's Amicus Briefs Committee. More recently, Judge Standridge served as an Assistant United States Attorney, prosecuting felony and misdemeanor criminal cases in Las Cruces.