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Born in Pakistan, Linda Vanzi spent her youth living and studying in Pakistan, Hong Kong, Singapore, London, Dallas, and San Francisco, where she became a United States citizen, before attending college in New York. After working in the field of environmental compliance and workplace safety on the East Coast and in Texas, Linda eventually moved to Taos, where she lived and worked for several years running the restaurant she owned there before deciding to apply to the Law School. Beginning with her work as a law clerk to the legendary U.S. District Court Judge Edwin Mechem, Linda has enjoyed a career in the law as multi-faceted as her experience in life. After serving as a trial judge at the Second Judicial District Court, Civil Division, Linda went on to serve for 12 years as a judge on the New Mexico Court of Appeals before retiring from the judiciary. She currently practices at the Rodey Law Firm, where she also conducts mediations and arbitrations, and continues to teach at the Law School where it all began.