



**Class of 2027 Orientation
Presented August 14-16, 2024**

Congratulations and welcome to the University of New Mexico School of Law! This year’s orientation program is designed to give you all the information you will need to have a strong start in law school.

Indigenous Peoples' Land and Territory Acknowledgement

Founded in 1889, the University of New Mexico sits on the traditional homelands of the Pueblo of Sandia. The original peoples of New Mexico - Pueblo, Navajo, and Apache since time immemorial, have deep connections to the land and have made significant contributions to the broader community statewide. We honor the land itself and those who remain stewards of this land throughout the generations and also acknowledge our committed relationship to Indigenous peoples. We gratefully recognize our history.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 14, 2024

Forum	8:00 a.m.	Check in opens.
2401	9:00 - 9:15	Welcome - SBA’s role & Honor Code Ian Carrillo Student Bar Association President
2401	9:15 - 9:30	Welcoming remarks - Dean Camille Carey
2401	9:30 - 10:00	Character and Fitness – Justice Briana Zamora, N.M. Supreme Court, Steven Homer, Assoc. Dean for Academic Affairs, Camille Pedrick, Executive Director NM Board of Bar Examiners, Rob Collins, J.D.
2401	10:00 – 10:30	Professor Emeritus, Leo Romero
Forum	10:30 – 10:40	Break
2401	10:40 – 11:20	Financial Aid Q & A - Renee Ferrell, Esq., Director of Admissions, Dominique Lange, M. Ed, Associate Director of Admissions & Pathway Initiatives
2401	11:20 – 11:40	Registrar Q & A - Ernest Tafoya, Law School Registrar, James Mascerini-Watson, Associate Registrar
2401	11:40 – 12:00	State Bar of NM
Forum	12:00 - 1:30	Lunch with SBA mentors. Lunch provided.



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| 2401/2402 | 1:30 - 2:00 | IT and Media Services: Setting up your laptop, email, files, printing. BRING YOUR LAPTOP - Ryan Barber, Director of IT; Tony Anderson, Operations Manager Facilities, Media Services and Copy Center |
| Forum | 2:00 - 2:10 | Break |
| 2401 | 2:10 - 2:30 | Student Health and Counseling (SHAC) Laura Barker, MS, LPCC |
| 2401 | 2:30 - 2:45 | Accommodations in Law School – Amanda Butrum, Director of Accessibility Resources |
| 2401 | 2:45 -4:00 | Skills Workshop Socratic Method - Beth Kaimowitz, Esq., Director of Academic Success |

END DAY 1

THURSDAY, AUGUST 15, 2024

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| 2401 | 8:30 - 9:20 | 1L Roadmap of Law School - Student and Career Services
Bonnie Stepleton, Esq., Dir. Student and Career Services; Rachel Woods, Esq., Associate Dir. Career Services; Beth Kaimowitz, Esq., Director of Academic Success; Patrick Lopez, Esq., Director of Bar Exam Success, Amber Johnson Operations Specialist. |
| 2405 | 9:30 - 11:00 | Elements of Legal Argumentation I (ELA-I) §2 & 5 – Associate Dean Steven Homer |
| 2402 | 9:30 - 11:00 | Elements of Legal Argumentation I (ELA-I) §4 – Prof. Christy DeSanctis |
| 3402 | 9:30 - 11:00 | Elements of Legal Argumentation I (ELA-I) §1 – Prof. Scott England |
| 2404 | 9:30 - 11:00 | Elements of Legal Argumentation I (ELA-I) § 3 & 6 – Prof. David Stout |
| 2401 | 11:05 - 11:30 | Alumni Association Welcome – Ben Sherman, Alumni Board President |
| Forum | 11:30 - 1:00 | Lunch with Faculty. Lunch provided |
| 2401 | 1:00 - 2:00 | Title IX – Bystander Best Practices - Aine McCarthy and Lydia Wolberg |



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2401	2:00 - 2:30	Library Resources – Library Professors
2401	2:30 - 3:30	Skills Workshop: Reading like a Lawyer – Preparing for Class and Exams – Beth Kaimowitz, Esq., Director of Academic Success
Forum	3:30 - 3:40	Break
2401	3:40 - 4:00	Justice Shannon Bacon, NM Supreme Court on Rural Justice
2403	4:00 - 4:30	Mandatory meeting for flex students – Bonnie Stepleton, Esq., Director, Student and Career Services
Forum	4:00 - 5:00	Tabling by all student organizations, UNM Law School Alumni Association, State Bar of NM, GPSA, Women’s Resource Center, and other various organizations
Library	4:00	Library 4:00 p.m. and 4:45 p.m. The Library will provide efficient tours to any new incoming student who would like one. Tours leave at 4:00 p.m. and 4:45 p.m. Meet at the Law Library front desk.

END DAY 2

FRIDAY, AUGUST 16, 2024

2401	9:00 - 10:00	AccessLex: Financial Literacy and Managing Debt - Justin Ziemann
Forum	10:00 - 10:10	Break
2401	10:10 - 11:00	Wellbeing and Your Professional Life - Prof. Nathalie Martin
2401	11:00 – 11:20	NM State Bar membership, YLD, LAP
2401	11:20 -12:15	Keynote Speaker: Aja Brooks, Esq. US Attorney’s Office

END OF ORIENTATION

NOTES:

Gray Area Training (Mandatory Sexual Misconduct Prevention Training) is required by main campus. Information about this training will be provided by the office of Lobo Respect. To learn more about the background go to <https://loborespect.unm.edu/education/mandatory-training/greyarea/about.html>