

Curriculum Vitae

JAZMINE J. JOHNSTON

Albuquerque, NM

EDUCATION

UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO SCHOOL OF LAW, Albuquerque, NM

May 2016

Juris Doctor, cum laude

Honors: Dean's List and Honor Roll
CALI Award (highest grade in class): Constitutional Rights
Arturo L. Jaramillo Summer Clerkship Program

Journal: New Mexico Law Review, Professional Articles Editor

Leadership: President–Mexican American Law Student Association

Significant accomplishment: led the planning and execution of the 2016 Fighting for Justice Banquet honoring the Honorable Justice Cruz Reynoso, which brought together approximately 250 members of the New Mexico legal community, including six current and former deans of the law school—all in support of MALSA's largest fundraiser for law student scholarships, mentorship, and educational programs.

1L Student Representative–Business Law Society
Law Student Mentor–Student Bar Association

Experience: Tutor-Property Law I
Student Lawyer-Business & Tax Clinic

UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO

ANDERSON SCHOOL OF MANAGEMENT, Albuquerque, NM

May 2013

Bachelor of Business Administration with concentration in finance, summa cum laude

Honors: Dean's List
UNM Golden Key Academic Honor Society

Activities: Equity Research Analyst–Regents' Endowment Fund Portfolio Program

PUBLICATION

New Mexico Gross Receipts Tax: Giving Notice and Creating Certainty,
45 N.M. L. REV. 779 (2015)

PRESENTATIONS/DISCUSSIONS

The Right to Appeal: Appellate Procedure and the Constitutional Guarantee of One Appeal,
State Bar Conference (forthcoming August 2026)

Appellate Fundamentals for Real Property Lawyers, Real Property Institute, New Mexico
State Bar (November 2025)

Post Judgment Preservation, Appellate Practice Institute (September 19, 2025) (co-presented
with Professor V. Gonzales)

Appellate Practice Section Lunch and Learn (December 2021) (facilitated conversation
between Justice David Thomson of the New Mexico Supreme Court, and Judge Zachary Ives,
Judge Megan Duffy, Judge Jennifer Attrep of the New Mexico Court of Appeals, along with
appellate practitioners)

Appellate Practice Section Lunch and Learn (June 2021) (facilitated conversation between
Judge Jacqueline Medina and Judge Briana Zamora of the Court of Appeals—now Justice of
the Supreme Court— and practitioners)

Appellate Practice Section Lunch and Learn (August 2020) (facilitated conversation between
Judge Zachary Ives and Judge Shammara Henderson of the Court of Appeals, and
practitioners)

Appellate Practice Section Lunch and Learn (February 2020) (facilitated conversation
between Justice Shannon Bacon and Justice David Thomson of the Supreme Court, and
practitioners)

Panel on Appellate Judicial Clerkships, University of New Mexico School of Law (2016)

EXPERIENCE

ATLER LAW FIRM, P.C., Albuquerque, NM
Appellate Attorney

Aug. 2018 – Dec. 2025

Represented clients in a diverse and full-service civil appellate practice, including in
administrative appeals before district courts, direct appeals and appellate writ proceedings
before the New Mexico Court of Appeals, and in certiorari proceedings before the New Mexico
Supreme Court.

Representative Appeals:

New Mexico Automotive Dealers Association v. New Mexico Environmental Improvement Board, 2026-NMCA-061, 591 P.3d 208 (co-represented appellants in administrative appeal involving the Clean Air Act and Advanced Clean Cars II regulatory framework)

Valdez v. Juan Bautista Valdez Land Grant, 2026-NMCA-063, *cert. granted*, (S-1-SC-41364, June 24, 2026) (secured reversal on behalf of appellants through a precedential opinion in a land grant and real property matter involving complex jurisdictional question)

McLaughlin v. Santa Fe Community. College., A-1-CA-39156, mem. op. (N.M. Ct. App. Oct. 25, 2023) (non-precedential) (secured reversal on behalf of appellant in a contract dispute case)

Montoya v. Montoya, No. A-1-CA-40939 (N.M. Ct. App. Oct. 10, 2023) (successfully obtained denial of petition for writ of error)

Parker v. Maldonado, et al., A-1-CA-39298, mem. op. (N.M. Ct. App. Sep. 20, 2023) (non-precedential) (received partial reversal on Unfair Practices Act issue in a contract and property dispute matter)

Hovey-Jaramillo v. Liberty Mutual Insurance, S-1-SC-40020 (N.M. Sep. 12, 2023) (successfully obtained denial of petition for writ of certiorari)

Roybal v. Garcia, A-1-CA-38480, mem. op. (N.M. Ct. App. Feb. 25, 2021) (non-precedential) (secured affirmance of district court decision in a child custody case)

Carrillo v. Hernandez, A-1-CA-37821, mem. op. (N.M. Ct. App. June 19, 2019) (non-precedential) (achieved a summary reversal in a child custody case, which is a rare result on appeal, based at the docketing statement stage)

MONTGOMERY & ANDREWS, P.A., Albuquerque, NM
Attorney

Aug. 2017 – Aug. 2018

Represented clients in civil defense litigation with a focus on matters relating to commercial disputes and tort litigation.

NEW MEXICO SUPREME COURT
HON. JUSTICE EDWARD L. CHÁVEZ, Santa Fe, NM
Judicial Law Clerk

Sep. 2016 – Aug. 2017

Analyzed case records and briefing, conducted extensive legal research in both civil and criminal cases, and drafted and revised judicial opinions.

RODEY, DICKASON, SLOAN, AKIN & ROBB, P.A., Albuquerque, NM May 2015 – July 2015
Summer Associate

Conducted legal research and drafted memoranda, motions, and transactional documents for both the litigation and business departments regarding substantive, procedural and evidentiary issues.

SAUCEDO CHAVEZ, P.C., Albuquerque, NM May 2015 – July 2015
Summer Associate
Arturo L. Jaramillo Summer Clerkship Program

Performed legal research and drafted memoranda, motions, and discovery.

LEADERSHIP & SERVICE

NEW MEXICO SUPREME COURT
APPELLATE RULES COMMITTEE Jan. 2026 – Present
Member, Appointed by Order of the Supreme Court

STATE BAR OF NEW MEXICO – APPELLATE PRACTICE SECTION Jan. 2021 – Present
Member, Board of Directors

SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT-ANNEXED ARBITRATOR June 2023 – Nov. 2025
Credit Acceptance Corp. v. Perea, et al., No. D-202-CV-2025-02397
Marshall v. Montañño, No. D-202-CV-2022-07619

APPELLATE PRACTICE SECTION PANEL ON THE
COURT OF APPEALS' PRO BONO APPEALS PROGRAM April 2025 – Sept. 2025
Participant

NEW MEXICO HISPANIC BAR ASSOCIATION FOUNDATION Aug. 2017 – May 2025
Co-Chair of Scholarship Committee

ALBUQUERQUE HIGH SCHOOL MOCK TRIAL TEAM Oct. 2018 – Oct. 2022
Attorney Coach

RECOGNITIONS AND AWARDS

Super Lawyers, Rising Star in Appellate Practice, 2021-2026
Best Lawyers in America, One-to-Watch in Appellate Practice, 2022-2026

LANGUAGES

Fluent in Spanish