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SUMMARY OF QUALIFICATIONS

Criminal Defense Trial Attorney with 23 years of experience leading hundreds of bench trials and jury trials with 6- and 12-person juries. Provide legal advice and representation for virtually every kind of charge from petty misdemeanors to serious felonies at all stages of criminal proceedings, such as grand jury proceedings and preliminary hearings, initial appearance, bond arraignments, plea negotiations, sentencing, and all other criminal court procedures and appearances. **Civil trial practice** includes two 12-person jury trials, one as Plaintiff counsel and one as Defendant counsel; prevailed on both. Six years as **Guardian ad Litem (GAL) and Youth Attorney** for the State of New Mexico Eighth Judicial District Court representing Taos County. **CJA Panel Attorney** for the United States District Court, District of New Mexico. Prior leadership includes 15 years as a **Public Defender** for the State of New Mexico encompassing representation for a wide range of serious felonies. Attended three highly respected Trial Practice Institutes, each 10 days or more in duration, and a 2.5 day NITA Trial Skills Training specific to Abuse and Neglect Proceedings. Strengths include the ability to work well under pressure with others as demonstrated by having tried a multitude of serious felony cases with at least 30 different attorneys.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Michelle Warren Law, LLC, Taos, NM 5/2007-Current
Provide legal advice and representation for adults and juveniles on criminal charges ranging from petty misdemeanors to serious felonies, at all stages of criminal proceedings. Additional practice areas: Guardian ad Litem; administrative school hearings; consumer protection law; landlord/tenant law; personal injury.

Guardian ad Litem (GAL) and Youth Attorney, Taos, NM 7/2006-6/2012
New Mexico Eighth Judicial District Court. Zealously represented children who were the subject of abuse or neglect proceedings or Family in Need of Court Ordered Services (FINS) proceedings, including termination of parental rights or adoption. Interviewed and visited child and their constituencies; represented and protected cultural needs of child; communicated with other professionals for health care, mental health care and other areas involved in child's case; attended local Citizen Review Board meetings concerning child; effectively resolved disputes between parties with full understanding of resources while serving needs and interest of child; and, reported to Court on child's adjustment to placement.

Maestas, Baker, Boothby & Warren, PC (Partner), Taos, NM 5/2006-4/2007
Led criminal defense trials and provided expert legal advice and representation on criminal cases. Performed Guardian ad Litem (GAL) and Youth Attorney services for the State of New Mexico Eighth Judicial District Court representing Taos County.

Serious Felony Trial Specialist (Public Defender), State of New Mexico, Albuquerque 10/1990-8/2005
Provided legal representation for indigent clients charged with petty and full misdemeanors and first, second, third, and fourth degree felony offenses. Caseload also included habitual offenders. Worked well independently and with teams of attorneys, and mentored less experienced attorneys.

Legal Research Technician (Contractor), Abq., NM. Provided legal research and administrative support to 3 attorneys. 5/90-9/90
Legal Externship, NM Federal Public Defender, Abq., NM. Conducted legal research while attending law school. 1/89-5/89
Clinical Law Program, UNM Law School, under Prof. Barbara Bergman. Handled Public Defender cases. 6/88-8/88

EDUCATION

JD (Juris Doctorate), University of New Mexico Law School (1989)
BA, Criminal Justice, University of New Mexico (1986)

Trial Institutes and Professional Memberships

- National Institute of Trial Advocacy (NITA), Abuse and Neglect Trial Skills Training, UNM Law School (2008)
- Western Trial Advocacy Institute, Laramie, WY (1998)
- National Legal Aide & Defender Association and Defender Advocacy Institute, UNM Law School (1997)
- National Criminal Defense College, Macon, GA (1995)
- American Bar Association (ABA)
- National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers (NACDL)
- National Association of Counsel for Children (NACC)
- American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU)