



Norman R.



Wheeler

2020 Candidate District Attorney – Sixth Judicial District

DEDICATED & EXPERIENCED REPRESENTATION

Posted by The Committee to Elect Wheeler4DA:

May 2015 – Present: Deputy District Attorney, Sixth Judicial District, NM

2018 Southwest New Mexico Prosecutor of the Year

Prosecutes criminal cases – primarily felony level cases as well as juvenile, truancy and mental commitments. Receives and reviews complaints filed in all types of cases, prosecutes in numerous different areas of law for the Sixth Judicial District; however, primarily drug cases. Examines the evidence, interrogates witnesses, and investigates the scene of the crime. Determines if a crime has been committed, and whether the evidence justifies prosecution. Conducts pleadings, arraignments, pretrial agreements, and other aspects of trial work. Assigns investigators to secure evidence or makes personal investigations. Confers with the judge or defense attorney regarding modification or withdrawal of charges. Selection of jurors, prosecution and dispositions of cases. Argues points of law, presents opening statements, final arguments or summations. Prepares and reviews correspondence; dictates briefs and handles appeals. Advises the public and local law enforcement agencies on legal procedures/problems.

2005- May 2015, Attorney, Jim Foy and Associates, Silver City, NM

Communicated with clients to learn about their legal needs and concerns and provided them with legal advice and legal representation as necessary. Developed strategies to resolve cases favorably and cost-effectively for clients.

2005- May 2011, Attorney, Frederick Grahn & Associates, Silver City, NM

Provided various legal services for the team at Frederick Grahn & Associates - most specifically in the area of family law and related issues.

2005 - 2008, Associate Attorney with Thomas Ruud & Associates, Rockford, IL

While living in Silver City Mr. Wheeler accepted work for the Thomas Ruud Law Firm, primarily civil litigation relating to family law and related issues, including, but not limited to, representing both parties in divorce matters and both prosecuting and defending domestic violence actions and defending minors and parents in juvenile court matters.

1987-2002, Associate Attorney and Partner, Frank Vella & Associates, Rockford, IL

Engaged in the practice of civil litigation and criminal defense law. Beginning in 1989 his practice became primarily in the area of family law and related issues. Representation included representing both sides of issues in divorce and custody/support issues, both parties in domestic violence matters and children in juvenile delinquency matters well as parents in abuse/neglect proceedings. The assets in these divorces ranged from minimal to significant amounts. During this time period the firm's family division grew from one attorney to three attorneys. Mr. Wheeler resigned from this practice to relocate to New Mexico.

1985-1987, Assistant State's Attorney, Winnebago County, Rockford, IL

Mr. Wheeler ended his tenure prosecuting in the felony division. While at the State's Attorneys office he spent one year in the prosecution of juvenile delinquency and abuse/neglect petitions.

1982-1985, Associate Attorney with Vern Davitt & Associates, Rockford, IL

Engaged in the general practice of law including criminal defense, represented both petitioners and respondents in family law matters and defending respondents in delinquency and abuse/neglect proceedings

Education

Willamette University College of Law, Salem, Oregon – Juris Doctor

Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, Illinois – Bachelor of Science – Biology

Legal Memberships

Texas Bar Association, admitted 2015

New Mexico Bar Association, admitted 2008

Illinois State Bar Association, inactive, admitted 1982

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