



**MINUTES OF THE JUDICIAL PERFORMANCE EVALUATION COMMISSION (JPEC)  
April 29 and 30, 2010, 8:00 a.m.  
State Bar Center, Modrall Room, Albuquerque, New Mexico**

- I. **Welcome** - Co-Chair Felix Briones called the meeting to order at 8:02 a.m., and a quorum was present. The following members attended the meeting:

**Members Present:**

Mr. Felix Briones, Jr. (Co-Chair)  
Ms. Barbara Castillo-Velarde  
Mr. Avilio Chavez  
Ms. Karen Cortese  
Ms. Phyllis Dominguez  
Ms. Francesca Martinez Estevez  
Mr. Patrick Freeman  
Mr. Joe Gant  
Mr. James Hall  
Ms. Lori Hartley  
Ms. Lorri McKnight  
Mr. Regis Pecos  
Ms. Ruth Schifani  
Ms. Leonila Duran Serna

**Members Absent:**

Denise M. Torres (Co-Chair)

**Others Present:**

Louise Baca-Sena, Staff  
Carmen Rodriguez, Staff

- II **Agenda** - Francesca Martinez Estevez moved the approval of the agenda, seconded by Phyllis Dominguez, and the motion carried with no objections.
- III **Discussion, Consideration and Action on Minutes of March 5, 2010** - Co-Chair Felix Briones laid out the minutes of the prior meeting and asked for changes. None were offered, and Karen Cortese moved to approve the minutes as drafted. Barbara Castillo Velarde seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved unanimously.
- IV **Announcements**
- Denise Torres will speak before the annual State Bar Convention on July 16, 2010.
  - Louise reported that the end of the fiscal year (June 30, 2010) is fast approaching. She requested that the JPEC members submit any outstanding travel reimbursements as soon as possible, including reimbursement for the April meeting.

**V 2010 Bernalillo County Metropolitan Court Judges' Evaluations**

- Draft final narratives due to Louise on or before May 6, 2010.
- Louise reported that Research & Polling compiled additional performance data by attorney and court staff for JPEC's consideration in putting together the final narrative.
- JPEC interviewed the following judges on April 29 and 30, 2010, Rosie Lazcano Allred, Julie Altwies, Edward Benavidez, Benjamin Chavez, Sandra Clinton, Maria Dominguez, Sandra Engel, Kevin Fitzwater, Cristina Jaramillo, Judith Nakamura, Daniel Ramczyk, Linda Rogers, Frank Sedillo, Victor Valdez, Rachel Walker and Sharon Walton.
- Louise will prepare a letter for Mr. Briones to Darren White explaining the work of the JPEC, with a follow up phone call to respond to any questions he may have.

**VI 2010 Appellate Court Judges' Evaluations**

- Five appellate interviews scheduled for May 21, 2010.
- Two appellate interviews scheduled for June 25, 2010.

**VII Budget Update**

- Louise reviewed with JPEC the operating budget for FY 2011, noting that the operating budget increased by \$7,100 over the FY 2010 budget. The budget is subject to change upon additional budget shortfalls to the Administrative Office of the Courts.
- As to retention activities, the pictures for the judges are due May 3, 2010. We will provide the metropolitan court judges' narratives and appellate court judges' narratives to Patti Watson in July and August to start her work on JPEC's website.

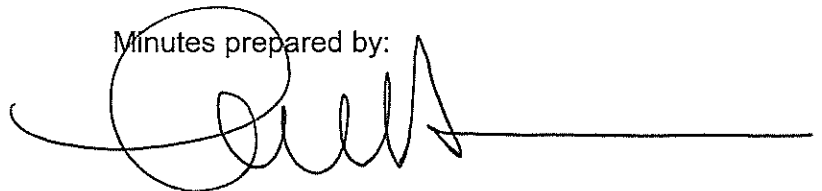
**VIII Tour of Court of Appeals Building, Albuquerque**

- Louise arranged for JPEC to tour the new Court of Appeals building in Albuquerque.

**IX Next Meeting** - The next meeting is scheduled for May 21, 2010, Judicial Information Division, Santa Fe.

**XI Adjourn** - There being no further business, the JPEC adjourned at 3:30 p.m. on April 29, 2010 and 2:07 p.m. on April 30, 2010.

Minutes prepared by:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Louise', written over a horizontal line.

Louise Baca-Sena, JPEC Staff