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Joey Moya Named Public Lawyer of the Year

Albuquerque, N.M. — Joey D. Moya, chief counsel and chief clerk of the New Mexico Supreme Court, will receive the 2015 Public Lawyer of the Year Award on May 1 from the Public Law Section of the State Bar. The event is free and open to the public and will take place at the State Capitol Rotunda at 4 p.m.

Moya, a 1988 graduate of the UNM School of Law, worked in private practice before moving to the Court of Appeals in 1990. There he rose through the ranks before being appointed Chief Staff Attorney and Director of the Prehearing Division, "where his legal acumen was matched only by his brilliant administrative skills," the Supreme Court justices wrote in a letter supporting Moya's nomination.

"Joey's passion and dedication to the New Mexico Judiciary is unparalleled. For the last 25 years, he has worked tirelessly to improve the operations of ... all courts throughout the state," the judiciary wrote.

Moya's responsibilities at the Supreme Court range from legal research and writing to overseeing the court's administrative functions, including case management, human resources, budget matters, building security and operations.

State Bar President Martha Chicoski, Chief Justice Barbara J. Vigil, Attorney General Hector Balderas and UNM School of Law Dean David Herring are scheduled to speak at the ceremony. The Othmer Summer Fellowship for a UNM law student to work in a public interest program also will be awarded during the ceremony.

Moya has dedicated his career to the judiciary and is committed to improving access to the courts, having served as a commissioner of the New Mexico Commission on Access to Justice since 2003. He teaches continuing legal education courses and mentors new attorneys. His colleagues describe him as "gifted in interpreting and analyzing the law" and as someone who "works hard, not for public recognition, but because the judiciary and public service are important and deeply matter to him."

The justices said "Joey is truly one of a kind. There is not a single, non-judge lawyer currently serving the judicial branch who has come close to the variety and quality of service he has provided over the years."

The State Bar of New Mexico was organized in 1886 and is composed of more than 9,000 members. Its purposes are to aid the courts in administering justice and preserving the rule of law, and to foster a high standard of integrity and competence within the legal profession.

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