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**State Bar of New Mexico Hosts Marcia Clark, Carla Aragón,
Mark Curriden, and Sheldon Nahmod for Annual Meeting in July**

Albuquerque, N.M.— The State Bar of New Mexico will host three national speakers for its 2018 Annual Meeting—Bench & Bar Conference July 27-29 at the Inn of the Mountain Gods Resort in Mescalero, N.M.

[Marcia Clark](#) is a bestselling author and criminal lawyer. She has served as prosecutor for the trials of Robert Bardo, convicted of killing actress Rebecca Schaeffer, and most notably, O.J. Simpson. She will participate in a moderated Q & A session at the Annual Meeting "Lessons Learned from the 'Trial of the Century' Relevant to Rule of Law Issues of Today" on Friday, July 28 at 8:30 a.m. [Carla Aragón](#), former local news anchor, will host the interview with Clark.

[Mark Curriden](#) is a lawyer and journalist for the Texas Lawbook; writer for "Dallas Morning News" and the ABA Journal. He is the author of *Contempt of Court: Lynchings at the Turn of the Century that Launched 100 Years of Federalism*. He will present "Contempt of Court: The Case that Forever Changed the Practice of Law" on Thursday, July 27 at 4 p.m.

[Professor Sheldon H. Nahmod](#) of the Chicago-Kent College of Law is a well-known expert and author of several publications on constitutional law, civil rights and the law of Section 1983. He will present "The Establishment Clause, The Free Exercise Clause, RFRA and RLUIPA" on Friday, July 28 at 10 a.m.

To view a full schedule of the Annual Meeting and the other stellar speakers including local attorneys, judges, and justices, visit <http://www.nmbar.org/NmbarDocs/CLE/AM/AMPreliminarySchedule.pdf>. General information about the event can be found at www.nmbar.org/AnnualMeeting.

Members of the media are invited to attend and cover the Annual Meeting. To attend, coordinate with Evann Kleinschmidt, Communications and Member Services Program Manager at ekleinschmidt@nmbar.org or 505-797-6087.

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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