

# PATRICK LOPEZ

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## EXPERIENCE

**University of New Mexico School of Law, Albuquerque, NM**

***Director of Bar Exam Success***

**February 2024-Present**

Develop and implement culturally responsive programming for law school graduates as they prepare for the bar exam. Provide coaching and advisement to law students on bar applications and character and fitness law licensing requirements. Coordinate with the New Mexico Board of Bar Examiners and National Conference of Bar Examiners on bar application and licensing and serve as liaison between these entities and law students and bar exam takers. Provide tutoring and coaching to students and bar studiers on effective bar study planning and effective bar exam tactics. Develop and maintain expertise on the bar exam and the upcoming NextGen bar exam and provide up to date information to law students and law school faculty.

**University of New Mexico School of Law, Albuquerque, NM**

***Associate Director of Career Services***

**September 2019-February 2024**

Coordinated culturally responsive career services programming for law students and provided workshops on various career topics. Planned and oversaw career fairs and employer panel discussions with students. Using a student-centered model, counseled and advised students and alumni on career choices and opportunities. Reviewed and edited application materials for job applicants. Conducted mock interviews for students and provided coaching for job interview preparation. Supervised, hired, and trained administrative staff and student workers. Oversaw and managed on campus interview (OCI) program and law school jobs board. Served as lead in-office administrator and trainer for 12twenty career talent platform software. Set graduate employment strategic outcome goals and implemented office wide strategies to meet objectives. Directed and managed employment data gathering and reporting to ABA (American Bar Association), US News, and NALP (National Association for Law Placement). Built strong relationships with employers to create job opportunities for students and graduates. Networked with other law school career services professionals by attending NALP Conference. Provided team support as needed to student services and academic success programs such as graduation, new student orientation, academic advising, and bar exam mentoring.

**Lopez Law NM, LLC, Albuquerque, NM**

***Managing Attorney***

**May 2018-Aug 2020**

Managed and operated a law practice specializing in real estate matters such as foreclosure defense, landlord-tenant, redemption rights, and probate litigation. Oversaw budgeting, billing, and accounting for law practice operation. Represented clients in all phases of litigation from initial complaints or responses through appeals. Successfully litigated cases at all levels of New Mexico Courts including multiple matters won on the pleadings in both the New Mexico Court of Appeals and the New Mexico Supreme Court.

**Halo River, LLC, Rio Rancho, NM**

***In House Counsel***

**August 2016-April 2018**

Provided representation in real estate litigation, including drafting pleadings and making court appearances at hearings and trials. Drafted general business and real estate contracts. Provided legal advice in many areas of business operations including human resources, risk management, and contract disputes. Developed new procedures and policies to ensure that business operations were in full compliance with statutes and regulations. Managed and directed outsourcing of specialty litigation counsel. Supported and advised outside litigation counsel.

**Albuquerque Business Law, PC, Albuquerque, NM**

***Associate Attorney***

**March 2015-July 2016**

Provided legal services to clients in foreclosure defense, civil litigation, construction litigation, creditor/debtor, and bankruptcy. Managed an active caseload in all stages of litigation by drafting pleadings, attending hearings, and negotiating settlements. Assisted in training of junior attorneys, law clerks, and staff. Worked closely with law firm partners on case management and strategy.

**New Mexico Law Offices of the Public Defender, Albuquerque, NM**

***Trial Attorney, Felony Division***

**August 2012 – February 2015**

Represented clients facing felony criminal charges. Wrote and argued motions on evidence suppression and other constitutional issues. Represented defendants in all stages of criminal cases from grand jury and preliminary hearings to jury trial and preliminary appeals. Advocated for clients facing charges ranging from felony DWI to 1st degree murder. Counseled and advised clients on their rights and facilitated their access to mental health treatment and drug/alcohol rehabilitation. Negotiated favorable plea agreements on behalf of defendants. Successfully managed an active caseload of over ninety cases at a time.

**Phoenix School of Law Library, (now known as Arizona Summit Law Library), Phoenix, AZ**

***Access Services Law Librarian/Reference Assistant***

**August 2008– February 2011**

***Circulation Aide***

**November 2006-July 2008**

Hired as Circulation Aide, promoted to Reference Assistant, and ultimately hired as Access Services Librarian through a competitive hiring process. Managed the circulation department of the library, including supervising two full-time staff and eight part-time staff. Generated proposals for new library programs and services and presented them to the administration. Implemented several new projects and services including a complete remodel of the library spearheaded by my department. Co-developed the law library's legal research workshops series and taught or co-taught workshop sessions. Guest-lectured in a variety of Law School courses on various legal research topics. Provided library reference services to students and faculty.

## EDUCATION

Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law, Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ  
*LLM (Master of Laws), Biotechnology and Genomics* December 2016

Phoenix School of Law, (now known as Arizona Summit Law School), Phoenix, AZ  
*Juris Doctor* May 2008  
*Highest final exam grades: Business Associations, Wills and Trusts*

Brigham Young University, Provo, UT  
*Bachelor of Science, Psychology* August 2001

## BAR ADMISSIONS/LICENSES

*State Bar of New Mexico (July 2012-Present)*

*State Bar of Arizona (May 2011-May 2016)*

## MEMBERSHIPS

*State Bar of New Mexico Committee on Diversity in the Legal Profession*

*National Association for Law Placement (NALP)*

*Association of Academic Support Educators (ASSE)*

*Volcano Vista High School Drama Boosters Club (Member and 2024 President)*

## COURSES TAUGHT

*Legal Analysis for the Uniform Bar Examination, 3L 2-credit hour course (Fall 2024-Spring 2025)*

## UNM LAW SCHOOL PRESENTATIONS

*Decoding Bar Exam Questions, (March 3, 2025)*

*Understanding the Bar Application Process, (February 10, 2025)*

*Bar Exam Results and Statistics, (faculty meetings April 19, 2024 and September 20, 2024)*

*Intro. To the Bar Exam: The More Things Change, The More They Stay the Same, (July 9, 2024)*

*Judicial Clerkship Application Nuts and Bolts, (November 15, 2023)*

*Employment Snapshot and Employer Survey, (Presented at faculty meeting October 26, 2023)*

*Career Roadmap for 1L's, (Presented each fall semester 2020-present)*

*Academic Advising Workshop, (Presented one or twice yearly 2019-present)*

*New Student Orientation: Intro to Career Services, (Presented annually 2020-2023)*

*Graduation Essentials, (Presented each spring semester 2020-2024)*

*2L Post-Apocalyptic Re-Orientation, (August 26, 2021)*

*Resumes and Cover Letters for ~~Dummies~~ Geniuses! (November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2020)*

## **GUEST LECTURES**

*Introduction to Westlaw and Lexis* (2009-2011) Guest lecture presented to each section of 1L Lawyering Process 1 Course, Phoenix School of Law, Phoenix AZ

*Secondary Sources* (2009-2011) Guest lecture presented to each section of 1L Lawyering Process 1 Course, Phoenix School of Law, Phoenix AZ

*Digests and Reporters* (2009-2011) Guest lecture presented to each section of 1L Lawyering Process 1 Course, Phoenix School of Law, Phoenix AZ

*Citators* (2009-2011) Guest lecture presented to each section of 1L Lawyering Process 1 Course, Phoenix School of Law, Phoenix AZ

*Court Documents* (2009-2011) Guest lecture presented to each section of 1L Lawyering Process 2 Course, Phoenix School of Law, Phoenix AZ

*Firefox Add-ons for Legal Research* (2009-2011) Guest lecture presented to each section of 1L Lawyering Process 2 Course, Phoenix School of Law, Phoenix AZ

## **CLE (CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION) PRESENTATIONS**

*Bar Admission in New Mexico*, (*forthcoming*, April 8, 2025,) co-presenter, New Mexico Inns of Court CLE Presentation.

*Equity, Diversity, Inclusion, & Belonging: NextGen Bar Exam and Moving Beyond the Bar Exam*. (November 8, 2024) co-presenter, New Mexico State Bar Symposium on Diversity & Inclusion.

*Trial Witness Representation* (February 2013) Statewide CLE presentation, New Mexico Law Office of the Public Defender.