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Steve Gonzales has over 20 years of civil litigation experience. His practice is currently focused on professional liability, catastrophic injury, construction, and transportation. Mr. Gonzales also has extensive experience in commercial litigation and intentional torts. He has successfully defended his clients in dozens of jury and bench trials in state and federal courts, and administrative proceedings.

Mr. Gonzales previously served as Chair of the New Mexico Supreme Court Disciplinary Board and brings an elevated understanding of professional licensing and ethics matters to his professional liability practice. He frequently represents doctors, nurses, engineers, surveyors, pharmacists, and other licensed professionals before licensing boards and commissions.

Mr. Gonzales strives to find creative, winning solutions to client challenges.

Education

JD: University of New Mexico, 2000, *cum laude*

BUS: University of New Mexico, 1996, Communication & Journalism, Political Science

Bar Admissions

New Mexico, 2002

Maryland, 2000, *inactive*

U.S. District Court, Districts of New Mexico and Maryland

U.S. Court of Appeals, Tenth Circuit

Career Distinctions & Honors

Martindale-Hubbell®, Distinguished Peer Review Rated

Nominated for District Court Judge by Second Judicial District Court Nominating Commission

Decisions

Bevan v. Santa Fe Cty., 2017 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 129378 (D.N.M. Aug. 15, 2017)

Willis v. Smith, 2017 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 32477 (D.N.M. Mar. 7, 2017)

Murray v. Burt, 2011 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 170284 (D.N.M. Dec. 15, 2011)

Appeals

Sunquest Mktg. v. Lorentzen, No. 27,742, 2009 N.M. Ct. App. (Feb. 16, 2009)

Paz v. Tijerina, 2007-NMCA-109, 142 N.M. 391, 165 P.3d 1167

Gruber v. Gruber, 369 Md. 540, 546, 801 A.2d 1013, 1016 (2002)

Professional Associations

State Bar of New Mexico

First Judicial District Bar Association

Publications & Seminars

Presenter, "The Disciplinary Process in New Mexico," State Bar of New Mexico

Presenter, "Medical Malpractice Damages in New Mexico," State Bar of New Mexico

Business & Community Service

New Mexico Supreme Court Disciplinary Board, 2008-2011; Chair, 2013; Vice Chair 2012

Second Judicial District Court Volunteer Attorney Program, Volunteer Attorney, 2009-2013

Lawlapalooza, Volunteer Attorney, 2010-2018