

**STATE OF NEW MEXICO
INTERSTATE STREAM COMMISSION**

**IN THE MATTER OF
PROPOSED NEW RULE 19.25.16
NMAC – Regional Water Security Planning**

No. NMISC 25-01 (R)

**New Mexico Interstate Stream
Commission, Water Planning
Program,**

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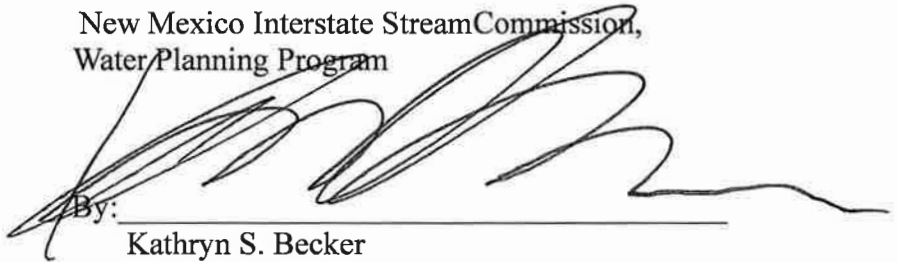
**NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTION OF NEW MEXICO
INTERSTATE STREAM COMMISSION EXHIBIT 28**

The Water Planning Program (“Program”) of the New Mexico Interstate Commission hereby submits the attached Exhibit 28, Resume of Nathaniel Chakeres, in substitution of Exhibit 28 filed on October 1, 2025.

DATED this 9th day of October, 2025.

Respectfully submitted,

New Mexico Interstate Stream Commission,
Water Planning Program

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kathryn S. Becker', is written over a horizontal line. The signature is stylized with large, sweeping loops.

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A. Nathaniel “Nat” Chakeres

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LEGAL WORK EXPERIENCE

General Counsel, Office of the State Engineer

Jan. 2022-Present

Attorney overseeing all legal matters at the Office of the State Engineer. Duties include:

- Providing legal advice to the State Engineer, including in administrative hearings.
- Overseeing litigation in district courts and appellate courts.
- Overseeing rulemaking activities.
- Supervising 50-person program with an approximately \$8 million budget as Director of litigation and adjudication program (LAP),
- Member of agency’s executive legislative team charged with carrying out the agency’s legislative priorities.

Deputy General Counsel, Office of the State Engineer

Jan. 2021-Jan. 2022

Attorney supervising general litigation in administrative hearings unit, district court, and appellate courts. Other duties include:

- Providing legal advice to all other programs of the Office of the State Engineer.
- Overseeing program support for 50-person litigation and adjudication program.
- Member of agency’s executive legislative team charged with carrying out the agency’s legislative priorities.
- Supervising multiple managing attorneys.

Attorney, New Mexico Interstate Stream Commission

Sept. 2018-Jan. 2021

Attorney handling general litigation and transactional needs for state agency charged with protecting New Mexico’s interests in interstate stream systems.

- Primary legal counsel on all legal issues relating to the Pecos River Compact and 2003 Pecos Settlement Agreement.
- In-house counsel coordinating United States Supreme Court litigation in ongoing original action dispute on Pecos River.
- Lead counsel in both judicial and administrative proceedings involving protests to proposed water rights transfers.
- Successfully shepherded legislative bill during a 30-day legislative session that enabled the agency to obtain revenue by selling land it did not need.

Associate Attorney, Coberly & Martinez, LLLP

Sept. 2015–June 2018

Attorney in three-lawyer litigation firm with a focus on civil rights, criminal defense, and environmental law at the trial and appellate levels in state and federal courts.

Trial Attorney, U.S. Department of Justice

Sept. 2009–Sept. 2015

Environmental Enforcement Section,
Environment and Natural Resources Division

Attorney working as a member of core trial team that successfully prosecuted civil claims through multiple stages of litigation against BP and other parties for damages and penalties arising from the Gulf Oil Spill, including three bench trials on various aspects of BP’s liability under the Clean Water Act and the Oil Pollution Act.

NM ISC EXHIBIT

CLERKSHIP EXPERIENCE

Judicial Law Clerk, Hon. Michael Murphy 10th Circuit Court of Appeals

2008–2009

- Assisted with researching and drafting opinions for cases before the Tenth Circuit.

PRO BONO WORK

New Mexico State Bar Voluntary Attorney Program

2016-2017

- Provided legal advice and assistance on miscellaneous civil law issues to clients through drop-in clinics, including advice on landlord-tenant issues, consumer law issues, and probate/family law issues.

DC Volunteer Lawyer Project

2010

- Helped domestic violence victims obtain restraining orders and other relief.

Bread for the City DC Legal Advice and Referral Clinic

2010-11

- Provided legal assistance on miscellaneous civil law issues to clients through a drop-in clinic. Represented one client in a trial in landlord-tenant court.
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OTHER WORK EXPERIENCE

Pardons/Paroles & Extraditions, N.M. Governor's Office

2003–2005

- Oversaw pardon review process in the Governor's Office under the direction of the Governor's Chief Counsel.
- Ensured that extradition requests were reviewed for legal sufficiency and signed by the Governor in a timely fashion.
- Assisted in troubleshooting issues with paroles and extraditions.

EDUCATION

University Of New Mexico School of Law

2005–2008

- J.D. *summa cum laude*, 2008
- GPA: 4.0 (2nd in the class)
- Order of the Coif

Harvard University

1998–2002

- A.B. *magna cum laude* in Government, June 2002
- Recipient, Harvard College Scholarship

ACTIVE BAR MEMBERSHIPS

- State of New Mexico
- U.S. District Court for the District of New Mexico
- Tenth Circuit Court of Appeals
- United States Supreme Court