

# 2020

## SECTION ANNUAL RECOGNITION AWARDS

### ▶ INDIAN LAW ATTORNEY ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

#### Richard Hughes, *Rothstein Donatelli LLP*

“Richard Hughes has been at the forefront of Indian law for decades and has been involved in numerous, consequential matters and cases, and has made significant contributions to the community. Most recently, Hughes secured a major victory for pueblo water rights. He represents Santa Ana Pueblo, one of three pueblo intervenors in a general stream adjudication of the *Rio Jemez-styled United States v. Absousleman*, No. 83-cv-1041 (D.N.M). Hughes also made significant contributions to the community, giving presentations at numerous CLE programs and writing articles on various Indian law topics. Hughes is a stellar lawyer with a deep commitment to advancing the rights of Indian tribes and the lives of Indian people.” – *D. Connolly, Rothstein Donatelli LLP*

### ▶ PROSECUTOR REGIONAL ATTORNEYS OF THE YEAR



#### Anastasia Martin for Northern New Mexico

“As chief deputy DA in Rio Arriba County, Martin leads a team of prosecutors and staff in handling a high-volume docket, and Martin leads from the front. In addition to all of her management duties, she took two high-profile violent offenders to trial during the COVID-19 pandemic and convicted both.” – *Blake F. Nichols, First Judicial District Attorney’s Office*

#### Caitlin L. Dillon for Central New Mexico

“Prosecutors typically dislike prosecuting cases involving child sexual exploitative material. The cases are technologically complex and the subject matter is repulsive; however, Dillon strives to educate judges that these cases involve real-life victims from around the globe. Similarly, she also has taken the lead in cases involving complex human-trafficking operations and related victim-intensive sex crimes.

Dillon is an asset to the Office of the Attorney General. She is a stellar courtroom attorney and a rock upon which victims and witnesses often rely. She is truly deserving of public recognition.” – *Office of the Attorney General Representatives*



#### Jessica A. Perez for Central New Mexico

“Perez has been with our office for a little over two years now and through her time here, she has been continuously involved in community service activities and she continues to do so to this day.

On the local level, she has participated in activities involving our local DV shelter Haven House, she has also volunteered at a local Gene Franchini New Mexico High School Trial Competition as a scoring Judge, which this will be her second-year volunteering as a judge. Nationally, Perez takes part in the American Bar Association Young Lawyer’s Division as a delegate for the state of New Mexico at ABA YLD Assembly Meetings. This year, she was selected from a group of candidates to be an American Bar Association YLD Scholar.

Perez is always happy to take part in community events and happily represents prosecutors and the 13th Judicial District with pride both within our state and nationally with the American Bar Association. – *A. Garrote, 13th Judicial District Attorney’s Office*