



CITY OF ALBUQUERQUE
Albuquerque, New Mexico
Office of the Mayor

Mayor Timothy M. Keller

INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

February 23, 2022

TO: Isaac Benton, President, City Council

FROM: Timothy M. Keller, Mayor 

SUBJECT: Appointing Esteban A. Aguilar, Jr. to the position of City Attorney

Pursuant to Article V, Section 4(e) of the City Charter, I am submitting for your advice and consent the name of Esteban A. Aguilar, Jr. for the position of City Attorney.

Mr. Aguilar received his Juris Doctor in 2005 from the University of New Mexico (UNM) School of Law and his undergraduate degree in communications and journalism from UNM in 2002. During Law School, he did his clinical work at the District Attorney's Office prosecuting domestic violence cases and started his career in litigation shortly after graduating. Mr. Aguilar brings considerable experience in private practice with from the firm he founded with his father, *Aguilar and Aguilar, P.C.*, where he focused on complex litigation and protecting the rights of individuals.

Mr. Aguilar was appointed as City Attorney in 2018. Since 2018, Mr. Aguilar has reorganized and grown the City Attorney's Office by recruiting specialized and talented attorneys, reduced outside counsel spending for Risk matters by \$642,204.00, and has dedicated his practice to fighting for equality and justice for the residents of the City of Albuquerque.

I ask for your support in confirming this highly qualified and committed public servant to continue to serve as City Attorney.

Esteban A. Aguilar, Jr., Esq.

Email: ej@cabq.gov

Education

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| Juris Doctor, <i>University of New Mexico School of Law, Albuquerque, NM</i> | 2005 |
| B.A. Degree in Communications and Journalism <i>University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, NM</i> Concentration in Print and Broadcast Journalism | 2002 |

Career History

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| City Attorney, City of Albuquerque | 2018-Present |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">Provide general counsel services and support to the executive and legislative branches of city government, including each of the 20-plus city departments, more than 50 boards and commissions | |
| Shareholder, Aguilar & Aguilar, P.C. | 2009-2018 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">Represent clients in general civil practice, including but not limited to personal injury, medical and dental malpractice, business contracts, product liability, wrongful death, and constitutional rights cases. Additionally, represent clients with various administrative hearings and appeals practice. | |
| Board of Directors, Center for Civic Values | 2015-2018 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">Member of Gene Franchini High School Mock Trial Policy Committee | |
| Officer, Board of Directors, New Mexico Trial Lawyers Association | 2014-2018 |
| Member, Board of Directors, New Mexico Trial Lawyers Association | 2012-2018 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">Serve as a member of the NMTLA board of directors, which oversees all organizational functions, including the NMTLA Foundation. | |
| Member, Board of Directors, Diamond Tail Ranch | 2013-2014 |
| Associate Attorney, Aguilar Law Offices, P.C. | 2005-2009 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">Represent clients in various plaintiff-related areas | |
| Student Bar Association Vice President, University of New Mexico School of Law | 2004-2005 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">Law school student body vice presidentAllocated various funds to students for travel to various academic conferences and competitions | |
| ASUNM Vice President, University of New Mexico | 2001-2002 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">Undergraduate student body vice presidentLeader of student senate in charge of allocating approximately \$800,000 to student led organizations at the University of New MexicoMember of Student Fee Review Board, responsible for allocating approximately \$12 million in student fees to departments at the University of New Mexico | |

Professional Admissions and Awards

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| State Bar of New Mexico | 2005-Present |
| United States District Court for the District of New Mexico | 2005-Present |
| Martindale-Hubbell AV Preeminent Rating | 2017-Present |

Affiliations

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| New Mexico Trial Lawyers Association | 2005-2018 |
| New Mexico State Bar Association | 2005-Present |