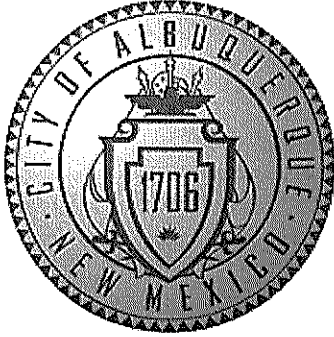


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Mayor Timothy M. Keller

**CITY OF  
ALBUQUERQUE**  
Albuquerque, New Mexico  
Office of the Mayor

**INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM**

June 1, 2022

**TO:** Isaac Benton, President, City Council

**FROM:** Timothy M. Keller, Mayor *TMK*

**SUBJECT:** Appointment of Lauren Keefe to the position of City Attorney

Lauren Keefe, a graduate of Tufts University and the University of New Mexico School of Law, started her career as an editor and reporter in and around Boston, MA. She worked as a law clerk for the New Mexico Court of Appeals and Supreme Court, conducting legal researching and drafting opinions on matters pending before the Court. In 2003, she joined Peifer, Hanson & Mullins, P.A. firm as an attorney and shareholder, focusing on employment matters, contract disputes, personal injury claims, and wrongful death claims.

Ms. Keefe started Keefe Law Firm in 2019, where she represented clients on employment matters, contract disputes and administrative proceedings. Since the beginning of 2022, she has served as special counsel to the Office of the City Attorney for the City of Albuquerque, where she has represented the City in connection with the Court-Appointed Settlement Agreement, establishing terms for the operations of the Albuquerque Police Department. In her role with the City, she has also served as interim director of the Policy Division in the Office of the City Attorney. Since April 18, 2022, she has served as the Acting City Attorney and taken on the roles and responsibilities of that position. Ms. Keefe serves on the Board of Directors for the New Mexico Women's Bar Association.

I ask for your support in confirming this individual to the position of City Attorney.

# LAUREN KEEFE

## EXPERIENCE

**JANUARY 2022 TO PRESENT**

**SPECIAL COUNSEL**, OFFICE OF THE CITY ATTORNEY

In my capacity as Special Counsel, I have represented the City of Albuquerque in connection with the Court-Approved Settlement Agreement establishing terms for the operations of the Albuquerque Police Department. I have also served as interim director of the Policy Division of the Office of City Attorney. Since April 18, 2022, I have served as the Acting City Attorney and taken on all roles and responsibilities for that position.

**JANUARY 2019 TO JANUARY 2022**

**ATTORNEY/OWNER**, KEEFE LAW FIRM

As a solo practitioner, I represented clients in a variety of cases, including employment matters, contract disputes, and administrative proceedings. This work included full briefing on a matter pending before the New Mexico Court of Appeals.

**SEPTEMBER 2003 TO JANUARY 2019**

**ATTORNEY/SHAREHOLDER**, PEIFER, HANSON & MULLINS, P.A.

During my 15 years at the firm, I handled a wide variety of cases, including employment matters, contract disputes, and personal injury claims, including wrongful death claims. I was the lead appellate attorney at the firm and handled most of the firm's appellate work. My work included preparing the briefs that convinced the New Mexico Supreme Court to define the scope of the deliberative process privilege, preventing multinational firms from avoiding payment of New Mexico's gross receipts tax and helping natural gas royalty owners receive proper compensation.

**SEPTEMBER 2001 TO AUGUST 2003**

**LAW CLERK**, NEW MEXICO COURT OF APPEALS AND SUPREME COURT

As a law clerk, I conducted legal research and helped draft opinions on matters pending before the Courts.

**1993-1998**

**EDITOR/REPORTER**, COMMUNITY NEWSPAPER CO.

I worked as an editor and reporter in cities and towns in the greater Boston area. Highlights include serving as the arts editor for the Cambridge Chronicle and covering the release of family members who had been wrongly incarcerated for more than 10 years.

## **EDUCATION**

**MAY 2001**

UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO SCHOOL OF LAW

Graduated summa cum laude. Editor of the New Mexico Law Review. Recipient of the West Book Award and Certificated for Outstanding Contribution to Scholarship by a Member of the Third Year Class. Participated in a national moot court as a first-year student.

**MAY 1993**

TUFTS UNIVERSITY

Editor and reporter for The Tufts Daily. Tufts is the smallest university in the country to have a daily newspaper.

## **ACTIVITIES**

- Member, Board of Directors for the New Mexico Women's Bar Association, 2012-2016, 2021 to present.
- Appointed member of the Appellate Rules Committee, 2015 to 2019.