

Outline of Presentation by Hon. Sarah Singleton

Co-Chair - New Mexico Commission on Access to Justice

I. Creation of the Commission and Ten-Step Plan

- ◆ **History of efforts prior to establishment of Commission.**
- ◆ **Appointment of Commission**
- ◆ **Steps leading to the development of the 10 Step Plan**
- ◆ **Key components of the 10-Step Plan**

II. Local Pro Bono Committees

- ◆ **Structure of the local Pro Bono Committees**
- ◆ **Commission oversight**
- ◆ **Pro Bono Committee activities:**
 - ✦ **hosting legal fairs**
 - ✦ **working with legal service providers**
 - ✦ **Developing and implementing workshops**
 - ✦ **Participating in “Celebrate Pro Bono Week”**
- ◆ **Commission staffing**

III. Attorney Recognition Efforts

- ◆ **During “Celebrate Pro Bono Week” 335 individual attorneys received Certificates of Appreciation signed by each of the justices.**

IV. Mandatory reporting, implementation and impact

- ◆ **In 2008, two rules became effective in NM which impacted pro bono work:**
 - ✦ **Rule 16-601 NMRA of the Rules of Professional Conduct**
 - ✦ **Rule 24-108 NMRA of the Rules Governing the NM Bar**
- ◆ **Mandatory Reporting required revision of dues forms**
- ◆ **Analysis of Dues Forms:**
 - ✦ **249,463 pro bono hours were donated in 2008 by 51% of attorneys.**
 - ✦ **\$117,440 was contributed by means of the dues form.**
 - ✦ **52% reported meeting the aspirational goal.**
 - ✦ **37% reported no hours and no dollars.**