

## 13TH Judicial District Attorney

### Lemuel L. Martinez

District Attorney Lemuel L. Martinez is the people's lawyer for the 13th Judicial District. He works to prosecute violations of State Criminal Laws such as Felonies, Misdemeanors, Juvenile Delinquency and DWI as well as some Civil Cases. Mr. Martinez's office is committed to working on behalf of the community and making it a safer place to live and raise families.

Albuquerque native Lemuel Martinez earned his bachelor's degree in Business Administration and Political Science from the University of Southern California, a Master of Arts degree in Liberal Education from St. John's College in Annapolis, Maryland, and a Master of Arts in Education from the University of New Mexico. He has taught at Santa Fe High School; served as teacher, coach, and athletic director at Laguna-Acoma Jr./Sr. High School; and served as a teacher and administrator at Grants High School.

Mr. Martinez earned his law degree at the University Of New Mexico School Of Law in 1995, beginning his legal career as an assistant district attorney in Cibola County. He was elected District Attorney of the 13<sup>th</sup> Judicial District in 2000, and was re-elected in 2004 and 2008. A resident of Cibola County, Mr. Martinez continues his commitment to education by teaching at New Mexico State University-Grants.

A past president, vice president, and secretary/treasurer of the New Mexico District Attorneys' Association, Mr. Martinez currently serves on the New Mexico Sentencing Commission. He has served on the Governor's transition committees for the Department of Corrections and the Department of Public Safety, and is a current member of the Governor's Judicial Equity Task Force.

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## About the 13th Judicial District Attorney's Office



**Lemuel L. Martinez**  
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Serving Cibola, Sandoval and  
Valencia Counties

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## **Community Education:**

Our office is dedicated to keeping the public informed and educated on crimes affecting our community. Mr. Martinez continues to share crime prevention information with the community by speaking and distributing material to schools, neighborhood organizations, community-based non-profits, business groups, service clubs and senior centers. Our attorneys are available to educate and distribute material throughout each county at community events and meetings.

## **Targeted Programs:**

### **Pre- Prosecution Diversion Program**

The Pre Prosecution Diversion program is a first-time non-violent felony offender program. The defendant is placed on probation with the District Attorney's office. The PPD program is an alternative to court and/or incarceration. Offenders must be represented by a defense attorney, provide a written statement admitting his/her guilt and abide by his/her PPD contract.

### **The Victim Impact Program**

This program provides information, assistance and support to victims, witnesses of violent crimes and their families throughout the criminal justice process. The goal of the program is to aid victims in their legal, financial and emotional needs. Services offered include updating victim on progress in case; representation at court hearings if needed; help in preparing victim impact statements; assistance in filing for restitution and providing information on victim resources available.

### **Truancy**

Mr. Martinez has long been committed to combating truancy in New Mexico schools. He has worked in conjunction with local schools, P.T.A groups, parents and teachers to educate them on the process and procedures of successfully prosecuting parents under the Compulsory School Attendance Act.

### **Juvenile Justice Program**

The goal of the Juvenile Justice Program is to change the behavior of an adolescent from criminal to citizen oriented. Children's Court attorneys are urged to recommend the appropriate programs for juvenile offenders. The programs include teen court, drug court and truancy programs.

### **Worthless Checks**

Millions of dollars are lost every year by merchants as a result of bad checks. The negative impact is passed on not only to local businesses, but also raises consumer costs. In my effort to combat this problem, I have organized the **Bad Check Restitution Program**. The primary goal of the program is to obtain full restitution for victims without adding to the financial burden of the criminal justice service. First time bad check offenders are given the opportunity to avoid criminal prosecution by attending a mandatory intervention class, in addition to paying restitution. This is accomplished without any cost to the taxpayer.

### **Conferences and Trainings for staff**

The 13<sup>th</sup> Judicial District has several conferences and training programs throughout the year. Each program offers state-of-the-art training to law enforcement, prosecutors and staff members within our district, as well as throughout the state. Including the annual Child Sexual Abuse Conference and the annual Gangs, Drugs and Prosecution Conference.

**For more information on any of these programs please contact the office in your district.**