



The Judges for the United States District Court

for the District of New Mexico

**Invite Members of the Bar of the District of New Mexico
To Celebrate With Us**



At an Exclusive, Black-Tie-Optional, Premiere Showing of:

Taming New Mexico

May 10, 2017, at 5:30 p.m.

Pete V. Domenici United States District Courthouse
333 Lomas Boulevard NW
Albuquerque, New Mexico 87102

In 1999 the opening of the Pete V. Domenici United States District Courthouse was celebrated with an optional black-tie event that was memorable for many lawyers including the current judges. The Court and the Bench & Bar Committee invite you to help make this anniversary event as memorable for a new generation of lawyers as it was for so many eighteen years ago. Please come.

Bar members may earn CLE credit and may bring a guest. Heavy hors d'oeuvres will be served, and there will be two continuous showings of the documentary. **Please RSVP as soon as possible to Corazon Events at info@corazonevents.com.**

ABOUT THE FILM

The documentary features historical events that shaped New Mexico's federal judicial system. The film tells the story of how New Mexico transitioned from the Spanish-Mexican rule of law to the American legal system that New Mexico has today. Peering through the lens of the federal court system, its judges, and its institutions, *Taming New Mexico* canvasses centuries of New Mexico history at a single glance. In just fifty-six minutes, former ABC news correspondent Sam Donaldson ushers viewers through historical photographs, paintings, and videos that – alongside vivid audio recreations – make New Mexico history spring to life. Adding scholarly insight to the production, the film interviews numerous historians who chronicle and weave together key historical events. Federal judges lend additional gravitas by revealing the hardest, most important, and most rewarding parts of their job in the present day, all against the striking backdrop of federal courthouses across the state.

New Mexico faces some challenges to its legal system today – from drug smuggling to immigration – that seem intractable. Yet they are not inscrutable, nor do they arise out of a void. Like a river that slowly dredges out its winding course over many years, the legal topography of New Mexico is a product of centuries of history, from the days that Spanish explorers encamped on the high desert through Mexican independence and American conquest to the present day. For bench and bar alike, it is vital to verse ourselves in this epic flow of legal history to fully appreciate every eddy that comes our way in the day to day.



Produced by Tony DellaFlora and KNME Executive Producer, Michael Kamins, in cooperation with renowned University of New Mexico historian Paul Andrew Hutton, *Taming New Mexico* is a testament to, and crowning achievement for, the United States District Court of New Mexico Bench and Bar Fund's historical and public service work. The film was produced and the program was made possible through the generous contributions of the Bench and Bar Fund, numerous New Mexico law firms, the Tenth Circuit Historical Society, and KNME. *Taming New Mexico* reminds us that we, too, are part of New Mexico's legal history.

Taming New Mexico on PBS

For those unable to attend the film premiere, be sure to catch Taming New Mexico on Thursday, May 18, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. on KNME, Channel 5.1. Taming New Mexico will also be distributed to PBS stations around the country.
