



The lessons learned and opportunities from the COVID-19 Pandemic in the Criminal Justice sector

Welcome!

Outline for today's presentation:

- Recorded interviews with Panelist
- QA with Panelists

Panelist:

- Chief Public Defender Bennett J. Baur
- District Attorney Mary Carmack-Altwies
- Director of Probation and Parole Melanie Martinez

Our Guest, Chief Public Defender Bennett J. Baur

Baur began his career as a trial attorney in the Albuquerque office of the public defender in 1993. After time as an assistant district attorney and nine years in private practice, he returned to the LOPD as the First Judicial District Defender. He has also served as deputy chief and interim chief for the department. Baur is a past president of the New Mexico Criminal Defense Lawyers Association and has advocated on criminal justice issues in the New Mexico legislature for over 20 years. He resides in Santa Fe.



Our Guest, District Attorney Mary Carmack-Altwies

Mary Carmack-Altwies has spent her professional career working to address issues of safety and justice. As a lawyer with expertise in criminal law, Mary has seen both sides of the courtroom, working in the trenches as a public defender in the Santa Fe District Attorney's office, running her own practice, and as a Deputy District Attorney in the First Judicial District.

A graduate of University of New Mexico School of Law, Mary lives in Santa Fe with her wife Jo, a retired law enforcement officer, and their two energetic young children. Community is important to Mary. She has served as President of her local PTA, has taught at UNM Law School, volunteered with Big Brothers Big Sisters, and served as a legal advocate for survivors of sexual assault.



Our Guest, Director of Probation and Parole Melanie Martinez

Director Melanie Martinez has dedicated more than 20 years of public service and leadership to the State of New Mexico, 17 of those with New Mexico Corrections Department, Probation/Parole Division. She is responsible for over 14,000 individuals on probation and parole supervision in the community. During her time with New Mexico Corrections Department, PPD, she has implemented a new strategic framework, focusing on offender rehabilitation and reduction in recidivism.

Director Martinez started her career in Probation/Parole as an Officer. She transferred briefly to the New Mexico Corrections Training Academy where she was a Chief over the Basic, Advanced and International Training Divisions. She returned to the Probation/Parole Division as a Supervisor, Region Manger, Deputy Director and currently serves as the Director. She is a member of the Criminal Justice Reform Committee, Criminal Judicial Committees throughout the State and various violent intervention programs throughout New Mexico. She was recently recognized for employing Veterans and the National Guard and Reserve Force. Director Martinez is committed to reenergizing the Probation/Parole Division, creating a results based, fiscally responsible and accountability driven culture.

Director Martinez coaches youth sports and enjoys the outdoors fishing, hunting, camping and spending quality time with her family.



Our Guest, Community Corrections Administrator for the NMCD Haven Scogin

As the Community Corrections Administrator I am currently overseeing contracted programs for the Probation and Parole population that serve male and female clients statewide. The areas that I oversee include counseling, treatment, inpatient programming as well as housing and resources for clients in need around the State of New Mexico.

The Community Corrections Administration works in partnership with community providers to address the growing needs of the population and continual need for additional services to include gender specific and trauma informed treatment and housing. I have been employed for the NM Corrections Department for 12 years working in a number of areas to include pre-sentence reports, intake, sex offender supervision, supervising the inpatient drug treatment programs and overseeing the gender specific transitional housing programs.



Thank you!

Questions?

If you have not already, please enter any questions into the Q&A box.

