

KATHERINE BLAKE

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QUALIFICATIONS

Analytical, bilingual lawyer with an interest in law enforcement, national security, and human rights. Solid background in matters of domestic / international policy, mergers, acquisitions, and partnerships. Excellent research, writing, and executive presentation skills. Adapts quickly to new environments and thrives on multiple tasks. Fluent in English, conversant in Spanish.

EXPERIENCE

MONTOYA, HERNANDEZ & GROSS, L.L.P., Albuquerque, New Mexico 1998 and 1999 – Present
Associate (1999-Present); Law Clerk (Summer 1998)

- Provide legal counsel to various purchasers, sellers, and entities regarding domestic / international securities and merger / acquisition / partnership transactions.
- Serve the interests of public companies with compliance issues; defend borrowers under credit facilities.
- Represented a Latin American consortium in the development, construction, and project financing of a 1,000 megawatt electrical transmission line between Argentina and Brazil.

OLIVERI, GRACE & TOOMS, P.C., Albuquerque, New Mexico Summer 1997
Law Clerk

- Researched admiralty and insurance law issues; prepared related memoranda.
- Co-authored a law journal article regarding recent decisions of the U.S. Supreme Court and U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit in immigration law.
- Drafted an appellate brief for the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit.

OFFICE OF SENATOR JOSEPH I. LIEBERMAN (D-CT), Washington, D.C. Summer 1996
Intern

- Conducted domestic and international policy research for legislative staff; summarized committee hearings.

DE MÉXICO, Albuquerque, New Mexico Fall 1993
Intern (all work conducted in Spanish)

- Reviewed Spanish-language newspapers & prepared Mexican community opinion reports on current events.

EDUCATION

NEW MEXICO STATE COLLEGE OF LAW, Albuquerque, New Mexico
Juris Doctor, G.P.A.: 3.25, 1999

- Queen Mary & Westfield College, London, England, Fall 1998

ALBUQUERQUE COLLEGE, Albuquerque, New Mexico
Bachelor of Arts in Political Science, Minor in Spanish, 1995

- Graduated *cum laude*
- Attended Instituto de Estudios Europeos in Madrid, Spain – Fall 1993

ACADEMÍA DE ESPAÑOL QUITO, Quito, Ecuador
Advanced Certification in Spanish, 1999

BAR ADMISSION & ACTIVITIES

- *Member*, State Bar of New Mexico, 1999-Present
- *Member*, New Mexico Young Lawyers' Association, 1999-Present
- *Articles & Notes Editor (1998-1999); Staff Member (1997-1998)*, International Law Journal
- *Brief Writer (1998-1999)*, Trace Jones International Law Moot Court Team
Team won the South Central Regional Championship