11th Annual CLE SYMPOSIUM

State Bar *of* New Mexico
Committee on Diversity
in the Legal Profession

New Mexico State Bar Foundation
Center for Legal Education

Defending Indigenous Students' Rights in New Mexico:

A Conversation with Wilhelmina Yazzie



Wilhelmina Yazzie
Lead Plaintiff on the Yazzie/Martinez case

This year on Nov. 7, the **State Bar of New Mexico's Committee on Diversity in the Legal Profession will hold its 11th Annual CLE Symposium**. The Committee is honored that this year among the incredible Symposium presenters and speakers will be **Wilhelmina Yazzie** (Diné and White Mountain Apache), a lead plaintiff in the landmark Yazzie-Martinez public education case.

Ms. Yazzie is a parent, advocate and activist for her family and her communities. In addition to her Indigenous and education communities, as a Tribal Court Advocate and paralegal, Ms. Yazzie is also part of our legal community.

Speaking with her on the topic of defending the rights of Indigenous students will be **Abby Lewis**, State Bar of New Mexico's Equity in Justice Attorney. Ms. Lewis practiced public education law for over a decade, including working with Ms. Yazzie on matters of Indigenous students' rights.

Other speakers and topics at the Symposium include:



Sonia Gipson Rankin
UNM School of Law
Professor / AI Expert



Leon Howard
ACLU of New Mexico
Executive Director



Aja N. Brooks
State Bar of New Mexico
President

- State Bar of New Mexico President **Aja N. Brooks** and ACLU-NM Executive Director **Leon Howard** will present on building pathways for diversity in the legal profession.
- State Bar of New Mexico Committee on Diversity in the Legal Profession Co-Chair **Kristin Greer Love** will moderate a panel of attorneys including **Beck Rivera** and **Eli Fresquez** to discuss the ethics of fostering belonging in institutions of the legal profession.
- UNM School of Law Professor **Warigia Bowman** will speak on the Rule of Law.
- Committee Co-Chair Love and ACLU-NM Staff Attorney **Deanna Warren** will present a review and preview of the next U.S. Supreme Court and New Mexico Supreme Court terms.
- UNM School of Law Professor and AI expert **Sonia Gipson Rankin** along with **Jeff Gassaway**, UNM Security and Privacy Officer, will teach about protecting client and other sensitive information in the age of AI.

CLEs available are as follows: 3.0 General, 2.0 Ethics and 1.0 EIJ.

To attend in person, register here: https://bit.ly/2025-CDLP-Symposium-In-Person
To attend virtually, register here: https://bit.ly/2025-CDLP-Syposium-Virtual