



ALBUQUERQUE OFFICE

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“I want to give school administrators the tools and guidance to efficiently and effectively manage their day to day legal hurdles. I have walked a mile in their shoes and want to provide them the benefit of my miles.”



Prior to becoming an attorney, Lorie Gerkey spent 13 years as a special education teacher and 17 years as a Student Services administrator. This foundation led Lorie to pursue a second career in special education law. Her thirty plus years as a public educator and administrator gives Lorie a unique perspective on the legal issues facing schools. Her experience and training gives districts the tools and guidance to efficiently and effectively manage their day to day legal hurdles. Throughout her career she has always put the student’s needs first. She believes that “All Means All”, no matter the educational environment.

**PRACTICE AREAS**

Special Education  
Students

**EDUCATION**

Arizona Summit School of Law (2015)  
University of Phoenix (Superintendent Certificate, 1997)  
University of Phoenix (Principal Certificate, 1997)  
University of Northern Arizona (Masters of Arts in Education Administration, 1991)  
University of Northern Colorado (Bachelors of Arts in Special Education, 1983)

**MEMBERSHIP**

American Bar Association  
State Bar of New Mexico  
Council for Administrators of Special Education  
Council for Exceptional Children

**LICENSING & COURT ADMISSIONS**

Licensed in the State of New Mexico

**PUBLICATIONS**

*Legal Beagles, A Silent Minority: Therapeutic Effects of Facility Dogs in the Courtroom*, International Journal of Therapeutic Jurisprudence, Arizona Summit Law Review, Spring 2016, and available at Social Science Research Network (SSRN): <https://ssrn.com/abstract=2745522>.