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“Always consider where you came from and where you are going. Losing sight of either means you will lose sight of the purpose for which you are created and the difference you are supposed to make in the lives of others.”



Roxie brings a wealth of experience to her Walsh Gallegos representation of school districts and school boards. In the three years before joining Walsh Gallegos, Roxie worked as an immigration attorney representing individuals and business with every facet of immigration from deportation litigation to helping people become citizens of the United States. The rules and policies in immigration changed every day and Roxie was ready to return to her first joy, school law. Before working in immigration, Roxie was a partner for a private law firm in New Mexico representing unions and public school employees in employment, civil rights and litigation for 13 years. During that time, Roxie represented clients at school board hearings, in bargaining matters (arbitrations and mediations), before the NM Public Employee Labor Relations Board, New Mexico Human Rights Bureau and the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, in district courts across New Mexico, and in NM Federal Court, NM Court of Appeals and NM Supreme Court. Roxie is also an Adjunct Professor at University of New Mexico School of Law.

Roxie earned her legal degree from the University of New Mexico in Albuquerque in 2004 and her undergraduate degree from New Mexico State in international business and economics. Born in Las Cruces, New Mexico and raised on a ranch outside of the big city of Hatch, New Mexico, Roxie is a native New Mexican who is dedicated to her community.

PRACTICE AREAS

- Litigation
- Governance
- Facilities & Business
- Employment
- Students

EDUCATION

- University of New Mexico School of Law (2004)
- New Mexico State University (1998)

MEMBERSHIP

- National School Boards Association
- New Mexico State Bar
- NM Federal District Court
- New Mexico Hispanic Bar Association
- National Hispanic Bar Association (Regional Preseident, 2010-2011)
- New Mexico Immigration Law Section (Chair, 2020)
- 2013-2015 Southwest Rising Star (General Litigation, Super Lawyers)

LICENSING & COURT ADMISSIONS

- Licensed in State of New Mexico
- United States Tenth Circuit Court of Appeals