

RESOLUTION OF THE
NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' STANDING COMMITTEE OF THE
23RD NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL - Fourth Year, 2018

AN ACTION

RELATING TO LAW AND ORDER AND NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEE; CONFIRMING
THE APPOINTMENT OF LORETTA J. DANZUKA TO THE NAVAJO NATION LABOR
COMMISSION

BE IT ENACTED:

SECTION ONE. AUTHORITY

- A. The Law and Order Committee is a standing committee of the Navajo Nation Council. 2 N.N.C. § 600(A).
- B. The Law and Order Committee is the oversight committee for the Navajo Nation Labor Commission. 2 N.N.C. § 601(C)(1).
- C. The Naabik'íyáti' Committee is a standing committee of the Navajo Nation Council. Among other duties and responsibilities, the committee confirms those appointments to the Labor Commission made by the President of the Navajo Nation.

SECTION TWO. FINDINGS

- A. The Navajo Nation Labor Commission is established to "hear and adjudicate cases as the quasi-judicial hearing body under the Navajo Preference in Employment Act." 15 N.N.C. § 302(A).
- B. The membership of the Labor Commission consists of five members. 15 N.N.C. § 303(A). All five members must be licensed by the Navajo Nation Bar Association. 15 N.N.C. § 303(B)(2). Of the five, two members must be state licensed attorneys, in Arizona, New Mexico or Utah. 15 N.N.C. § 303(B)(3).
- C. Two of the members of the Labor Commission are appointed by the Health, Education and Human Services Committee. 15 N.N.C. § 303(A). Three are appointed by the President of the Navajo Nation, with concurrence of the Naabik'íyáti' Committee of the Navajo Nation Council. 15 N.N.C. § 303(A).
- D. Navajo Nation President Russell Begaye has appointed Ms. Loretta J. Danzuka. Ms. Danzuka is a licensed member of the Navajo Nation Bar Association. See **Exhibit A**, appointment letter and application.

SECTION THREE. APPOINTMENT CONFIRMATION

The Naabik'iyáti' Committee hereby confirms the appointment of Ms. Loretta J. Danzuka to the Navajo Nation Labor Commission. Ms. Danzuka shall serve a 4-year term.

CERTIFICATION

I, hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly considered by the Naabik'iyáti' Committee of the 23rd Navajo Nation Council at a duly called meeting in Window Rock, Navajo Nation (Arizona), at which a quorum was present and that the same was passed by a vote of 17 in Favor and 00 Opposed, on this 22nd day of February, 2018.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'LoRenzo C. Bates', with a stylized flourish at the end.

LoRenzo C. Bates, Chairperson
Naabik'iyáti' Committee

Motion: Honorable Herman M. Daniels

Second: Honorable Davis Filfred

Chairperson Bates not voting



THE NAVAJO NATION

RUSSELL BEGAYE **PRESIDENT**
JONATHAN NEZ **VICE PRESIDENT**

November 14, 2017



Loretta J. Danzuka
P.O. Box

RE: Official Appointment to the Navajo Labor Commission

Ms. Danzuka,

It is my distinct pleasure to appoint you to the Navajo Labor Commission. You have extensive experience in construction. We believe you have the background and experience to competently represent on this Board. **You are hereby appointed to represent the Commission for a term of four (4) years beginning on date of confirmation.** This appointment is subject to confirmation by the Naabik'iyáti' Committee of the Navajo Nation Council.

Thank you for your desire to serve as a Commissioner with the Labor Commission. If you have any questions relating to your appointment, please contact Karis N. Begaye, Legal Counsel, Office of the President and Vice President at (928) 871-7812.

Sincerely,

THE NAVAJO NATION

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Russell Begaye".

Russell Begaye, *President*

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jonathan M. Nez".

Jonathan M. Nez, *Vice President*

Loretta J. Danzuka
P.O. Box

October 11, 2017

Karis N. Begaye
Legal Counsel – Navajo Nation
P.O. Box 7440
Window Rock, Arizona 86515

Re: Letter of Interest

Dear Ms. Begaye:

Attached please find my Resume' for a position for Navajo Nation Labor Commissioner. I am interested in the position and I feel I am qualified due to my twenty five (25) years of experience as a litigator with my pass employer DNA-People's Legal Services. Inc., Shiprock Office. I have extensive experience in employment law and I have practiced before the Navajo Nation Office of Hearing and Appeals, Family Court, District Court and Supreme Court. I can draft legal pleadings, complaints and briefs to name a few. I am a member of the Navajo Nation Bar Association, since 1987 and in good standing. I am available for an interview. Thank you.

Regards,

/s/

Loretta J. Danzuka
Tribal Court Advocate

Loretta J. Danzuka

BACKGROUND:

Over 25 years of experience in Tribal Court Advocacy with an emphasis in Indian Law. Diverse experience as Tribal Court Advocate, Supervisory duties, Office management, Administrative Assistant and Finance. I am self-motivated, requires little supervision. Would like to work in a healthy and professional environment. I have a positive attitude towards job task and completes assigned task. I am computer literate, operate a 10-key machine, able to negotiate leading to settlement of cases.

WORK HISTORY:

Date: 2/97 - 9/13/2017

Position: Managing Advocate

Supervisor: Diana Alessandro

DNA People's Legal Services, Inc.

Shiprock, New Mexico 87420 moved to Farmington, NM due to Office. closed

Represented low income clients in tribal court and administrative hearings including domestic violence restraining orders, eviction, disability cases, consumer law, employment law and family law. Draft motions, pleadings, briefs, answer, demand letters and advice letters for clients. Interview clients to determine legal issues. Conducted prose clinics for divorce, guardianship, name change and child custody. Excellent case management, community education to women at Domestic Violence shelters once a month, public speaking, office/time management, reports, negotiation skills, legal research, supervisor two secretary and one attorney and legal writing. Community Education in areas of consumer law, housing, contracts, domestic relations and domestic violence issues. Member of Navajo Nation Bar Association since 1987. Resigned 9/13/2017.

Date: 4/95 - 2/12/96

Position: Adm. Assist/Bookkeeper
Mgr.

Supervisor: C. Jackson, Prj.

Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs - Business & Economic Development Dept.

Monitored all incoming/outgoing correspondence for 10 major gaming construction contracts, accounts payable, bookkeeping for \$6,000,000 contract and processed invoices for payment, analyzed invoices with contract agreements, general office duties, prepare and modified contracts in accordance with scope of work/agreement, draft/finalized contract agreement, letters and memos for project manager.

Date: 12/94 - 4/95

Position: Finance Clerk

Supervisor: M. L. King, Chief Financial

Ofcr.

Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs - Finance Department

Assisted in management projects, procurement department and accounting dept., processed invoice, travel authorizations, logged in contracts, purchase orders, accounts payable, data entry, switchboard operator, draft & finalized legal/memos for CFO, general office duties, assured quality service to customers.

Date: 4/94 - 1/95

Department of Interior

Position: Office Automation Clerk

Supervisor: Karmen Blake

BIA - Warm Springs Agency

Monitored three tribes' 638 contracts with respect to termination date, incoming/outgoing correspondence, modification of contracts, draw down requests on trust funds, data entry, daily trust reports, budget reports, general office duties.

Date: 2/94 - 4/94 Position: Management/Finance Clerk Supervisor: Dora Goudy

Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs - Management Department

Assisted in management area, general office duties, and customer service and office re-organization.

Date: 3/87 - 12/92 Position: Tribal Court Advocate Supervisor: Thomas J. Holgate

*DNA People's Legal Services, Inc.
Window Rock Office/Chinle Office*

Represented clients in tribal court and administrative proceedings with respect to civil and criminal law (court appointed). Excellent case management, public speaking, office management/supervisor, reports, legal research and writing. Community Education on legal issues and client referrals to appropriate entities. Member of Navajo Nation Bar Association since 1987.

Date: 1986 - 1987 Position: Job Specialist Supervisor: Edith M. Phillips

*Fort Defiance Job Services
Fort Defiance, Arizona*

Screened applicants for employer, job search workshop, applicant interview, job coding & filing in accordance with department of labor standard, data entry, monthly reports and job search/orders follow-up.

EDUCATION:

1/2017-7/2017	Southwest Law and Policy - Tribal Court Advocacy Certificate Madison, Wisconsin
1992 - 1993	Mesa Community College Mesa, Arizona
1980 - 1982	Diné College, former Navajo Com. College - Tribal Court Advocacy Certificate Tsaile, Arizona
1975 - 1976	Mesa Community College, General Studies Mesa, Arizona

REFERENCES:

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Naa'bik'iyati Committee

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PASSED

MOT Daniels

Confirming the appointment of

SEC Filfred

Loretta J. Danzuka to the NN
Labor Commission

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Nay : 0

Excused : 0

Not Voting : 7

Yea : 17

Begay, K

Chee

Filfred

Slim

Begay, NM

Crotty

Hale

Tsosie

Begay, S

Damon

Jack

Witherspoon

BeGaye, N

Daniels

Phelps

Yazzie

Bennett

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Not Voting : 7

Bates

Perry

Shepherd

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Brown

Pete

Smith