

LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY SHEET

Tracking No. 0272-22

DATE: December 21, 2022

TITLE OF RESOLUTION: AN ACTION RELATING TO LAW AND ORDER AND THE NAABIK'ITYATI' COMMITTEE; CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF LORETTA J. DANZUKA TO THE NAVAJO NATION LABOR COMMISSION FOR A FOUR-YEAR TERM

PURPOSE: If approved, this resolution will re-appoint Ms. Loretta J. Danzuka to the Navajo Nation Labor Commission for a new term of (4) four-years.

This written summary does not address recommended amendments as may be provided by the standing committees. The Office of Legislative Counsel requests each Council Delegate to review each proposed resolution in detail.

5-DAY BILL HOLD PERIOD: John
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Law & Order Committee
Thence
Naabik'iyati' Committee

PROPOSED STANDING COMMITTEE RESOLUTION
24TH NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL -- Fourth Year, 2022
INTRODUCED BY

(Prime Sponsor)



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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 of the Navajo Nation Labor
Commission. 2 N.N.C. § 601(C)(1).
- C. The Naabik'iyati' Committee is a standing committee of the Navajo Nation Council
with the authority to confirm those appointments to the Navajo Nation Labor
Commission made by the President of the Navajo Nation. 2 N.N.C. § 700(A), 15
N.N.C. § 303(A).
- D. "Each member of the Commission shall serve for a term of four (4) years and until his
or her successor is appointed." 15 N.N.C. § 303(D)

1 **SECTION TWO. FINDINGS**

- 2 A. The Navajo Nation Labor Commission is established “to hear and adjudicate cases as
3 the quasi-judicial hearing body under the Navajo Preference in Employment Act.” 15
4 N.N.C. § 302 (A).
- 5 B. The membership of the Labor Commission consists of five members. 15 § 303 (A). All
6 five members must be licensed by the Navajo Nation Bar Association. 15 N.N.C. § 303
7 (B) (2). Of the five, two members must be state licensed attorneys, in Arizona and New
8 Mexico or Utah. 15 N.N.C. § 303 (B) (3).
- 9 C. Two of the members of the Labor Commission are appointed by the Health, Education
10 and Human Services Committee. 15 N.N.C. § 303 (A). Three are appointed by the
11 President of the Navajo Nation., with concurrence of the Naabik’íyáti Committee of
12 the Navajo Nation Council. 15 N.N.C. § 303 (A).
- 13 D. Navajo Nation President Jonathan Nez appoints Loretta J. Danzuka to serve on the
14 Navajo Nation Labor Commission. Letter of appointment attached as **Exhibit A**.
- 15 E. Loretta J. Danzuka’s letter of interest, resume, and Certificate of Good Standing are
16 attached as **Exhibit B**, **Exhibit C**, and **Exhibit D**, respectively.

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18 **SECTION THREE. CONFIRMATION**

19 Pursuant to 15 N.N.C. § 303 (A), the Naabik’iyati’ Committee hereby confirms the
20 appointment of Loretta J. Danzuka to serve on the Navajo Nation Labor Commission for a
21 term of four (4) years and until his or her successor is appointed.

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EXHIBIT "A"

THE NAVAJO NATION

JONATHAN NEZ | PRESIDENT MYRON LIZER | VICE PRESIDENT



December 13, 2022

Loretta J. Danzuka
PO Box [REDACTED]
Shiprock, NM 87420

Dear Ms. Danzuka,

Thank you for your interest in the appointment as a Commissioner for the Navajo Nation Labor Commission (NNLC). It is my pleasure to appoint you to the NNLC. Your appointment is subject to confirmation by the Naabik'iyáti Committee of the Navajo Nation Council. Your knowledge and experience in Navajo law deem you well qualified to serve on the Commission.

Should you have any questions please contact Chris Bahe, Executive Staff Assistant, Office of the President and Vice President, 928-871-7000.

Sincerely,

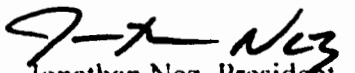

Jonathan Nez, President
THE NAVAJO NATION

EXHIBIT "B"

LAW OFFICE OF LORETTA J. DANZUKA

Loretta J. Danzuka, Tribal Court Advocate

P.O. Box [REDACTED]

Shiprock, New Mexico 87420

Telephone: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

October 27, 2022

Johnathan Nez, President of the Navajo Nation

Re: Letter of Interest for reappointment

Dear Mr. President

This letter is to express my interest in the appointment as a Commissioner for the Navajo Nation Labor Commission. My interest is ongoing validation of my experience and array of knowledge of tribal law in all of its facets. Also, Knowledgeable and experienced in the diversity from practicing tribal law over 35 years. Enclosed please find my resume. I am a member of the Navajo Nation Bar Association in good standing. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

/s/ Loretta J. Danzuka

Loretta J. Danzuka
Tribal Court Advocate

EXHIBIT "C"

Loretta J. Danzuka
P.O. Box [REDACTED]
Shiprock, New Mexico 87420

EMAIL: [REDACTED]

Applicate has over 34 years of experience as Tribal Court Advocate in the Navajo Courts with an emphasis in Tribal Law. Worked in supervisory position as Managing Attorney office management, knowledge in Legal Services Corporation's regulations and requirement in case management, kemps timekeeping, community education and litigation. Applicate is self-motivated and needs very little supervision. Would in a healthy and professional environment. Skilled in determination of legal issues and knowledge of community needs. Licensed in Navajo Courts, since 1987 and Ute Mountain CFR court. Presently a Navajo Nation Labor Commissioner, since 2018. Fluent in the Navajo Language. Knowledge of the Navajo Culture and Oral History.

WORK HISTORY:

Date: 9/13/2017 - Present

Position: Tribal Court Advocate

Supervisor: self

Law Office of Loretta J. Danzuka
Loretta J. Danzuka
P.O. Box 2732
Shiprock, New Mexico 87420

Solo practitioner in private law office. Interview clients and determine legal problems. Areas of practice divorce, guardianship, adoption, correction of record, probate, quiet title, protection orders in domestic violence, injunctions, eviction, employment termination, show cause, garnishment, criminal and child support cases. Represented clients in the Navajo Supreme court, Office of Hearings and Appeals and Navajo Nation grievances. Capable of drafting motions, briefs, answer, time keeping, and demand letters, etc. Serves as Commissioner on the Navajo Nation Labor Commission from 2018-2022, hearing complaints on employment cases.

Date: 2/1997 - 9/13/2017

Position: Managing Attorney Supervisor: Diana Alessandro

DNA-People's Legal Services, Inc.

Responsible for client intake, knowledge of Legal Services Inc., regulations, determine legal problem and gather information and input into Kemps program. Legal Drafting and Representation in Tribal Courts, organized work material. Working as tribal court advocate in wide variety of courts for the Navajo Nation, Supreme Court, District, Family Court, Office of Hearing and Appeals, Navajo Labor Commission. Represented low-income clients in obtaining restrain order in domestic violence(DV), represent clients in evictions, repossession, illegal repossession, and employment termination. Legal Drafting and representation in court motions, briefs, answer, demand letter, complaints, petitions and discovery. Conducted prose clinics in the areas divorce and guardianship. Excellent case management, community education to women in DV shelters, senior centers once a month. Excellent public speaking in the Navajo Language. Excellent skill in spotting legal issues, case and legal analysis.

Date: 4/1995 - 2/12/1996

Position: Administrative Asst. Supervisor: Charles Jackson, Jr.

Employer: Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, Oregon - Business & Economic Development

Monitored all incoming/outgoing correspondence for 10 major gaming construction contractors, set accounts to proceed through accounts payable and bookkeeping for \$6,000,000 budget. Modified contract at the request of supervisor, processed invoices for payment to contractors, processed invoice for payments to contract, general office duties, compare invoice to contract for scope of work completed. Finalize contract agreement for supervisor, draft letters and memos for project manager.

Date: 12/1994 -4/1995

EXHIBIT "D"

ALVINA EARNHART
PRESIDENT

SHAWN ATTAKAI
VICE-PRESIDENT

JULIA GUARINO
SECRETARY

RHONDA TUNI
TREASURER

NAVAJO NATION BAR ASSOCIATION, INC.

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CERTIFICATE OF GOOD STANDING

IN THE MATTER OF:

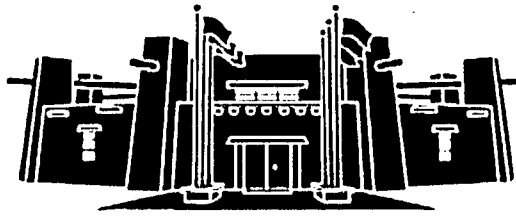
Loretta Danzuka

I, Raymond C. Etcitty, Chairperson of the Navajo Nation Bar Association, Inc., Admissions Committee do hereby certify that the above-named person was admitted to practice before the Courts of the Navajo Nation on the 11th day of September, 1987. The above-named person is an active member in good standing with the Navajo Nation Bar Association.

Dated at this 20th day of December 2022.



Raymond C. Etcitty
Chairperson of the Navajo Nation Bar Association, Inc.
Admission Committee



MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Eugene Tso, Sponsor
Law and Order Committee
24th Navajo Nation Council

FROM: Chad Abeyta
Chad Abeyta, Attorney
Office of Legislative Counsel

DATE: December 21, 2022

RE: **AN ACTION RELATING TO LAW AND ORDER AND THE NAABIK'IYATI' COMMITTEE; CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF LORETTA J. DANZUKA TO THE NAVAJO NATION LABOR COMMISSION FOR A FOUR-YEAR TERM**

Per your request, the Office of Legislative Counsel has prepared the above reference proposed legislation and associated legislative summary sheet. Based on existing law, the legislation as drafted is legally sufficient. However, as with all legislation, the proposed resolution is subject to review by the courts in the event of a challenge.

Please review the proposed legislation to ensure it is drafted to your satisfaction. If you approve, please sign as "Primary Sponsor" and submit it to the Office of Legislative Services where the proposed legislation will be given a tracking number and referred to the Office of the Speaker.

If the proposed legislation is unacceptable to you, please contact me at the Office of Legislative Counsel and advise me of any revisions requested.

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Window Rock, AZ 86515
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**Policy Analyst
Office of Legislative Services**

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