

**LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY SHEET**

Tracking No. 0214-18

**DATE:** June 20, 2018

**TITLE OF RESOLUTION: AN ACTION RELATING TO NAABIK'YATI' COMMITTEE AND THE NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL; CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF RACHEL R. FELIX TO THE COMMISSION ON NAVAJO GOVERNMENT DEVELOPMENT FOR A TERM OF TWO YEARS, AS THE JUDICIAL BRANCH REPRESENTATIVE**

**PURPOSE:** This resolution will confirm the appointment of Rachel R. Felix to the Commission on Navajo Government Development for a term of two years.

**This written summary does not address recommended amendments as may be provided by the standing committee. The Office of Legislative Counsel requests each committee member to review the proposed legislation in detail.**

5-DAY BILL HOLD PERIOD: None  
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Eligible for Action: 7/1/2018

Naa'bik'iyáti' Committee  
Thence  
Navajo Nation Council

PROPOSED NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL RESOLUTION  
23<sup>RD</sup> NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL – Fourth Year, 2018

INTRODUCED BY

  
(Prime Sponsor)

TRACKING NO. 0214-18

AN ACTION

RELATING TO NAABIK'IYATI' COMMITTEE AND THE NAVAJO NATION  
COUNCIL; CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF RACHEL R. FELIX TO THE  
COMMISSION ON NAVAJO GOVERNMENT DEVELOPMENT FOR A TERM OF  
TWO YEARS, AS THE JUDICIAL BRANCH REPRESENTATIVE

**SECTION ONE. AUTHORITY**

- A. Pursuant to 2 N.N.C. § 970, the Naabik'iyáti' Committee shall have legislative oversight authority over the Commission on Navajo Government Development and the Office of Navajo Government Development.
- B. The Navajo Nation established the Naabik'iyáti' Committee as a Navajo Nation Council standing committee and as such empowered Naabik'iyáti' Committee to recommend all resolutions to the Navajo Nation Council on matters within the Committee's jurisdiction pursuant to 2 N.N.C. § 701(A)(3).
- C. Pursuant to 2 N.N.C. § 972(A)(2), one member shall be nominated by the Judicial Branch through the Chief Justice of the Navajo Nation to serve a term of two years from the date of confirmation by the Navajo Nation Council.

**SECTION TWO. FINDINGS**

- A. The Commission on Navajo Government Development is an "entity created by the Navajo Nation Council with quasi-independent authority to accomplish the Council's

1 project of instituting reforms necessary to ensure an accountable and responsible  
2 government.” 2 N.N.C. § 970.

3 B. Pursuant to 2 N.N.C. § 970, the Commission shall be responsible directly to the  
4 Navajo Nation Council with respect to overall activities.

5 C. Pursuant to 2 N.N.C. § 971(A)-(B), the purpose of the Commission on Navajo  
6 Government Development shall be as follows:

7 1. To review and evaluate all aspects of the existing government structure of the  
8 Navajo Nation including laws, rules and regulations, practices, functions,  
9 goals and objectives of the Navajo Nation government, which includes the  
10 central government, Chapters, townships and local communities.

11 2. To develop recommendations and proposals for government reform and  
12 alternative forms of Navajo Nation government.

13 D. Pursuant to 2 N.N.C. § 972(A), the Commission shall consist of twelve (12) members  
14 confirmed by and serving at the pleasure of the Navajo Nation Council.

15 E. Pursuant to 2 N.N.C. § 972(A)(2), one member shall be nominated by the Judicial  
16 Branch through the Chief Justice of the Navajo Nation to serve a term of two years  
17 from the date of confirmation by the Navajo Nation Council: the nominee shall be a  
18 licensed attorney and a member of the Navajo Nation Bar Association.

19 F. Pursuant to 2 N.N.C. § 972(D), Commission members shall be chosen from among  
20 individuals who have demonstrated scholarship, strong sense of public interest,  
21 knowledge of Navajo history and cultural heritage, spiritual leadership, leadership in  
22 the Navajo government and abilities likely to contribute to the fulfillment of the  
23 duties of the Commission.

24 G. Pursuant to 2 N.N.C. § 972(A)(1), the Chief Justice of the Navajo Nation has  
25 appointed Rachel R. Felix to represent the Judicial Branch on the Commission on  
26 Navajo Government Development. Letter of appointment is attached as **Exhibit A**.

27 H. Rachel R. Felix’s letter of interest is attached as **Exhibit B** and resume is attached as  
28 **Exhibit C**.

29 I. Rachel R. Felix is licensed attorney with the State Bar of New Mexico. **Exhibit E**.

30 J. Rachel R. Felix is a member of the Navajo Nation Bar Association. **Exhibit D**.

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2 **SECTION THREE. APPOINTMENT**

3 Pursuant to 2 N.N.C. § 972(A)(2), the Navajo Nation Council hereby confirms the  
4 appointment of Rachel R. Felix as the Judicial Branch representative to serve on the  
5 Commission on Navajo Government Development, for a term of two years from the date  
6 of confirmation by the Navajo Nation Council.  
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## JUDICIAL BRANCH OF THE NAVAJO NATION

JOANN B. JAYNE  
Chief Justice of the Navajo Nation

ELEANOR SHIRLEY  
Associate Justice, Navajo Supreme Court



### Supreme Court

P.O. Box 520 ♦ Window Rock, Arizona 86515  
Telephone 928-871-7669 ♦ Fax 928-871-6761

June 6, 2018


Edward K. Dee, Executive Director  
Office of Navajo Government Development  
P.O. Box 220  
Window Rock, Arizona 86515

Dear, Mr. Dee,

The Office of the Chief Justice of the Navajo Nation Judicial Branch is pleased to announce the nomination and recommendation of Ms. Rachel Felix as the Judicial Branch Representative to the Commission on Navajo Government Development. Pursuant to 2 N.N.C § 972(A)(2) "*one member shall be nominated by the Judicial Branch through the Chief Justice of the Navajo Nation to serve a term of two years from the date of confirmation by the Navajo Nation Council. The nominee shall be a license attorney and a member of the Navajo Nation Bar Association.*" Ms. Felix is a license attorney in the State of New Mexico and a member in good standing with the Navajo Nation Bar Association.

Ms. Felix has been in contact with your office to provide the necessary documents so a legislative package could be developed for sponsorship before the Navajo Nation Council. I hope this letter is sufficient to complete the legislative packet for sponsorship.

Warm regards,

  
Honorable Joann Jayne,  
Chief Justice of the Navajo Nation

**LEGISLATIVE BRANCH  
NAVAJO NATION**



**HONORABLE LORENZO BATES**  
*Speaker, 23<sup>rd</sup> Navajo Nation Council*

June 13, 2018

HONORABLE COUNCIL DELEGATE  
23<sup>rd</sup> NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL

Ya a teeh, I hope this letter finds you doing well...

On June 06, 2018, the Navajo Nation Chief Justice Joann Jayne recommended Ms. Rachel R. Felix to be the Judicial Branch representative on the Commission on Navajo Government Development. Ms. Felix meets the qualifications pursuant to 2 N.N.C § 970 "Membership; officers; term; qualifications (A)(2) *"One member shall be nominated by the Judicial Branch through the Chief Justice of the Navajo Nation to serve a term of two years from the date of confirmation by the Navajo Nation Council; the nominee shall be a licensed attorney and a member of the Navajo Nation Bar Association."*

Ms. Felix is a licensed attorney in the State of New Mexico and a member in good standing with the Navajo Nation Bar Association.

The Office of Navajo Government Development is requesting that you be the primary sponsor for this legislation and to submit this packet to the Office of Legislative Services so the legal staff can prepare the necessary legislative documents so it will be introduced during the 23<sup>rd</sup> Navajo Nation Council Session.

Attached to this letter is the following:

1. A formal letter from Navajo Nation Chief Justice Joann Jayne to the Office of Navajo Government, Nominating and Recommending the Appointment of Rachel R. Felix.
2. Letter of Interest from Ms. Rachel R. Felix to serve on the Commission on Navajo Government Development.
3. Personal resume from Ms. Rachel R. Felix.
4. Copies of the New Mexico State Bar and Navajo Nation Bar Association information on Ms. Rachel R. Felix.

If you need additional information or clarification, please do not hesitate to call us at the following numbers: 928 – 871 - 7214 / 7161.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Edward K. Dee".

Edward K. Dee,  
Executive Director  
Office of Navajo Government Development

xc: ONGD files



**SacksTierney P.A.**  
ATTORNEYS

James W. Armstrong  
Shar Bahmani  
Steven R. Beeghly  
Stephen Aron Benson  
Nadia S. Cunningham  
Dean M. Dinner  
Brian E. Ditsch  
Paul F. Dowdell  
Judith M. Dworkin  
\*Rachel R. Felix  
Patty A. Ferguson  
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Steven M. Goldstein  
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\*Admitted to practice only in New Mexico

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*Marvin S. Cohen (1931 – 2009)*

Gary E. Pace, CLM, Executive Director

May 23, 2018



**By Electronic and First-Class Mail**  
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Edward K. Dee, Executive Director  
Legislative Branch  
Office of Navajo Government Development  
P.O. Box 220  
Window Rock, AZ 86515

Re: Commission on Navajo Government Development

Dear Mr. Dee:

I am writing to express my interest in serving as the Judicial Branch representative to the Commission on Navajo Government Development (the "Commission"). As my enclosed resume indicates, the practical skills I gained through my education and work experiences combined with my long-standing interest in public service, solving legal issues and making a positive difference will make me well-suited to fulfill the work of the Commission. I have demonstrated strong qualities of scholarship, a sense of public interest, background knowledge of Navajo history and cultural heritage and the leadership skills required to be a member of the Commission.

I am an attorney licensed to practice in New Mexico and a member of the Navajo Nation Bar Association. In addition, I am an enrolled member of the Navajo Nation (Census No. 224,628). My clans are: *Ta'neeszhaani (nishli)*, born for *Nakai (báshishchíin)*. I grew up in Shiprock, New Mexico, graduated high school from Gallup, New Mexico and attended college at the University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, where I received three degrees: a Bachelor in University Studies, Master in Public Administration, and Juris Doctorate with a certificate in Indian Law. During college, I was a recipient of the Chief Manuelito Scholarship and Navajo Law Fellowship awards. I have a strong educational background that reflects my interests in Native American government, politics and law. In addition, I have always demonstrated a firm commitment to give back to my tribe and to use my education in a way that serves the best interest of the Navajo Nation.

Edward K. Dee, Executive Director  
Legislative Branch  
Office of Navajo Government Development  
May 23, 2018  
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During law school, I served as editor-in-chief of the Tribal Law Journal. This opportunity provided me with leadership experience, including public speaking, time management and priority-setting as I led a team of editors and staff towards achieving common goals as we published and solicited articles, and invited scholars to speak on Indian Law topics. I consider leadership duties and the role of *Nataanii* to be a special privilege and a very important responsibility, not to be taken lightly. Personally, I find helping others to be very rewarding and fulfilling, and I enjoy interacting with people from all walks of life.

As a legal practitioner during my time as a law student and in my current practice as an attorney, I have had the opportunity to travel to various Indian reservations and Pueblos where I represented Native American clients, entered multiple appearances in tribal courts, researched applicable law, wrote and filed motions and pleadings, conducted witness interviews and presented oral argument before the courts. This practical experience has provided me with a wealth of exposure regarding the layers of complexity involved in the practice of Indian Law.

In addition, my work on the Navajo Nation requires that I possess and maintain a working knowledge of Navajo history and laws, exercise cultural competency and to be respectful in all interactions. Through my work as an associate attorney at Sacks Tierney P.A. in Scottsdale, Arizona, I often commute to the Navajo Nation. Therefore, distance will not be a barrier to me if I am selected to serve on the Commission. I am certain that serving on the Commission will expose me to a wide array of issues in Navajo government, and will also help me to participate and grow as a leader as I use my background experiences, knowledge and skills to serve Navajo communities and address challenges that impact the future of our People.

Thank you for your time, confidence in me and anticipated consideration for the position of judicial representative to the Commission on Navajo Government Development. You will find me to be positive, highly motivated, energetic, hard-working and good at interacting with people. I am grateful for the opportunity to be considered, and I look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,



Rachel R. Felix, Esq.  
Enclosures



**Rachel R. Felix, Esq.**

**List of Enclosures**

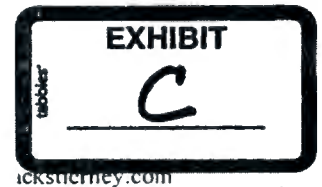
For Letter dated May 23, 2018  
Addressed to Edward K. Dee, Executive Director,  
Legislative Branch, Office of Navajo Government Development

1. Resume of Rachel Rose Felix
2. Sacks Tierney P.A. firm profile for Rachel R. Felix
3. For Rachel Rose Felix, copy of: Certificate of Admittance to Supreme Court of the Navajo Nation; Attorney Oath of Office; Order of Appointment; and Order of Admittance
4. Copy of New Mexico Bar Card for Rachel R. Felix
5. Copy of Certificate of admittance to the State of New Mexico Supreme Court
6. Certificate of Good Standing for Rachel R. Felix for:  
(1) United States District Court for the District of New Mexico;(2) In the Supreme Court of the State of New Mexico; (3) Navajo Nation Bar Association, Inc. Updated copies obtainable upon request.

# RACHEL R. FELIX

Scottsdale, Arizona 85251 •

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## COURT & BAR ADMISSIONS

**State Bar of New Mexico**, Admitted to practice on April 25, 2017 (New Mexico Bar #146600).

**Federal Bar Association**, United States District Court, New Mexico, Admitted to Practice on June 8, 2017 (Federal Bar # 17-122).

**Navajo Nation Bar Association**, Admitted to practice on November 4, 2016.

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## EDUCATION

**UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO SCHOOL OF LAW**, Albuquerque, New Mexico

Juris Doctor (J.D.), May 2016; Indian Law Certificate Candidate

Master of Public Administration (M.P.A.), May 2016

**Activities:** Student Editor-In-Chief, Tribal Law Journal; Student Liaison, New Mexico Tribal-State Judicial Consortium; Clinical Law Student, Southwest Indian Law Clinic (SILC); Member, Native American Law Students Association

**Honors:** Navajo Law Fellowship; Honor Roll, Spring 2014, Fall 2014, Spring 2015; Deans List, Fall 2015; Mary Beth & W. Richard West, Jr. Award for Excellence in Indian Law

**UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO**, Albuquerque, New Mexico

Bachelor of University Studies, *cum laude*, May 2008

**Concentration:** Multidisciplinary – Political Science, Sociology, Ethnic Studies (Native American & Chicano/a Studies)

**Honors:** Chief Manuelito, Merit-Based Scholarship; New Mexico Scholars, Merit-Based Scholarship

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## EXPERIENCE

**SACKS TIERNEY P.A.**, Scottsdale, Arizona

*Associate Attorney*, November 2016-Present; *Law Clerk*, September-November 2016

- Practice Areas: Indian Law, Business Law and Civil Litigation.

**STELZNER, WINTER, Warburton, Flores, Sanchez, Dawes, P.A.**, Albuquerque, New Mexico

*Law Clerk*, August 2015-January 2016

- Researched statutes, ordinances, administrative procedures and case law to draft legal memoranda, research summaries, organized discovery, and fact investigation. Worked under attorney supervision.

**PUEBLO OF ACOMA TRIBAL COURTS**, Acoma Pueblo, New Mexico

*Summer Law Intern*, May-August 2015

- Researched relevant statutes, ordinances, administrative procedures, indigenous traditional law, customs and case law to develop and draft tribal codes, legal memoranda, motions to dismiss, and research summaries.
- Attended tribal court proceedings and entered limited appearances under the supervision of the Acoma Public Defender.
- Conducted interviews and presented oral argument on a motion.

**KELEHER & McLEOD, P.A.**, Albuquerque, New Mexico

*Summer Law Clerk*, May-August 2014

- Researched relevant statutes, ordinances, administrative procedures and case law to draft legal memoranda, motion to dismiss, research summaries, administrative appeal letter, discovery interrogatories, requests for production of documents, deposition summary, and jury research. Worked under attorney supervision.

**UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO**, Albuquerque, New Mexico

**Office of the Executive Vice President for Administration**

*Administrative Assistant 3*, 2008-2013 / *Administrative Assistant 2*, 2007-2008

- Provided administrative, technical and fiscal support related to communications, human resources, budget monitoring, notary public services, website management, and procurement for various departments.
- Supported Chief Financial Officer and Chief Operating Officer as primary point of contact; handled confidential information.

**Office of the President**

*Student Administrative Assistant*, 2006-2007

- Screened calls; greeted visitors; managed files, mail, inventory; and organized Regents' meetings as support staff.

**Office of the Associate Vice President for Student Development & Student Union Director**

*Student Administrative Assistant*, 2005-2006 / *Student Custodian*, 2004-2005

- Provided building maintenance, receptionist duties and administrative support to the Student Union.

**ACCESS BANK / FIRST BANK**, Gallup, New Mexico

*Bank Teller*, Summer Employment 2004; *Loan Officer's Assistant*, Summer 2003

- Processed basic transactions, balanced cash drawer, and performed various cashier operations, organized files.

**INDIAN HEALTH SERVICE**, Shiprock, New Mexico

*Office Assistant*, Summer 2002

- Provided clerical support for the Patient Family Education Department; Designed brochures.

**SHIPROCK CHAPTER HOUSE**, Shiprock, New Mexico

*Office Assistant*, Summer 2002

- Provided clerical support for the president of the local branch of the Navajo Nation.



PHONE

FAX

## **Rachel R. Felix**

Indian law attorney Rachel Felix joined Sacks Tierney after earning her law degree at the University of New Mexico, where she compiled a distinguished record of achievement as student editor-in-chief of the *Tribal Law Journal* and as student liaison with the New Mexico Tribal-State Judicial Consortium.

Rachel is admitted to practice in New Mexico and before the Courts of the Navajo Nation.

### **PRACTICE AREA**

**Indian Law**

**Civil Law**

### **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

**State Bar of New Mexico**

**Navajo Nation Bar Association**

### **COURT AND BAR ADMISSIONS**

**New Mexico, 2017**

**Navajo Nation, 2016**

### **INTERNSHIPS**

**Pueblo of Acoma Tribal Courts, 2015**

### **EDUCATION**

**J.D., University of New Mexico School of Law, 2016: Indian Law Certificate; Navajo Law Fellowship**

**Master of Public Administration, Public Management, University of New Mexico, 2016**

**Bachelor of University Studies, *cum laude*, University of New Mexico, 2008**

### **ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES AND AWARDS**

**Mary Beth & W. Richard West, Jr. Award for Excellence in Indian Law, 2016**

**Student Editor-in-Chief, *Tribal Law Journal*, 2015-2016**

**Student Liaison, New Mexico Tribal-State Judicial Consortium, 2014-2016**

**Clinical Law Student, Southwest Indian Law Clinic, 2016**

**Native American Law Student Association (NALSA)**

### **HOMETOWN**

**Shiprock, New Mexico**



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CERTIFICATE OF GOOD STANDING

IN THE MATTER OF:

**RACHEL ROSE FELIX**

I, Ray Etcitty, Chairman of the Navajo Nation Bar Association, Inc. Admission Committee do hereby certify that the above-named person was admitted to practice before the Courts of the Navajo Nation on the 04th day of November, 2016. The above-named person is an active member in good standing with the Navajo Nation Bar Association.

Dated at this 21<sup>st</sup> day of April, 2017.

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

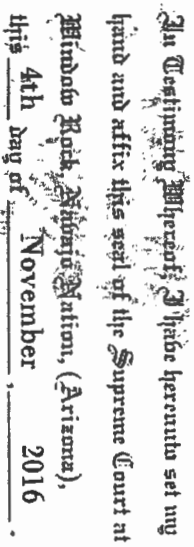




**RACHEL ROSE FELIX**

evidence of good moral character and the qualifications of practice law,

Courts of the Nabajio Nation for and during good behavior in said practice.



Chief Justice Allen Sloan





IN THE  
SUPREME COURT OF THE NAVAJO NATION

*Naaltsoos bik'eh go 'ádee hadisdziih*  
**ATTORNEY OATH of OFFICE**

*Dii Shi,* Rachel Rose Felix, *sizaad dinisingo bee haasdziih dooleet.*

I, Rachel Rose Felix, do solemnly affirm that:

*Diné bihee nahaz'áanii bee sézjídóó,*  
*bik'eh ánisht'ée doo, dóó hich'íqáh sézjì dooleet.*

I will support, obey, and defend all the laws of the Navajo Nation.  
*Góóldi dóó ánalwii'aahii dóó hózhqóji k'eh náhooteeii shìl niljì doo.*

I will respect the courts, the judges and peacemakers.

*Doo t'áo biniyéhiigóó agha'disht'áu doo.*

I will not maintain causes that are without proper reason.

*Bee haz' áanii doo yisgiz da dooleet dóó yooch'iid*  
*doo bee agha'disht'áah da dooleet.*

I will not seek to mislead by misstatement of law or fact.

*Bá yáshti'igíi, shìl halne'igíi, yaa jé'ólnánigíi, yidisinígíi bá dinisin dooleet;*  
*doo t'óó bóhólníihgóó baa nahashni' doo.*

I will maintain the confidence and the secrets of my client.

*Doo adishdláash da dooleet 'áádóó doo ati'deeshlilit da.*

I will refrain from all offensive conduct.

*Ách'áqih hadoodzhii doo yinéel'ánigíi, 'éi doodaii' Baa hojoobá'igíi,*  
*'éi doodaii' bik'ijí' hodínée'ánigíi t'áá biká'adeeshwoi dóó bá yáshti' dooleet.*

I will never reject the cause of the defenseless or oppressed.

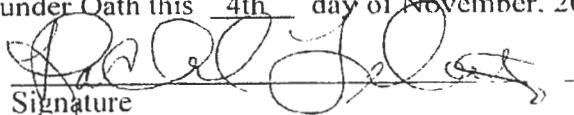
*Agha'diit'aah idlìjì bee shi'doolzi'igíi bik'ehgo ánisht'ée doo.*

I will adhere to the rules of professional responsibility.

*Dii hózhqogo bee 'iiná 'ádeeshlilit.*


With this, I will make life good.

*Dii Níleh'its'ósi, díí' góó,yool káát, naaki dimíilyázhí*  
*dóó bi' aan hastqá' ts'áadah yihahágíi bine'ee' shizhi' iishtaa.*  
Sworn to Signed under Oath this 4th day of November, 2016.

  
Signature

*Bi k'eh go 'á dee ha' oodzií ii gíi*  
Oath Administered by:

*Alqaji Hashkééji Naat'áanii*

  
Chief Justice Allen Sloan

No. SC-NB-23-16

SUPREME COURT OF THE NAVAJO NATION

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In the Matter of the Admission and to  
Practice in the Navajo Nation Bar Association  
Concerning:

**RACHEL ROSE FELIX**

**ORDER OF APPOINTMENT**

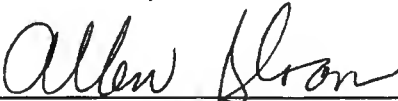
Before Sloan, Chief Justice.

Original proceeding filed by the Navajo Nation Bar Association, by and through Lawrence Ruzow, President.

This matter comes before the Court on the Petition for Admission to schedule this matter for hearing.

As Chief Justice, I hereby designate the Honorable Geraldine Benally as Associate Justice in this case.

Filed this 4<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2016.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Allen Sloan", is written over a horizontal line.

Chief Justice of the Navajo Nation

No. SC-NB-23-16

SUPREME COURT OF THE NAVAJO NATION

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In the Matter of the Admission and to  
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Concerning:

**RACHEL ROSE FELIX**

**ORDER OF ADMITTANCE**

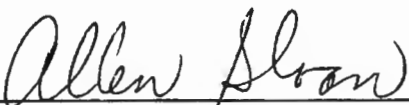
Before SLOAN, Chief Justice; SHIRLEY, Associate Justice and BENALLY, Associated Justice (by designation).

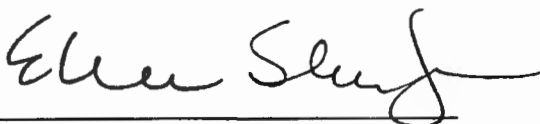
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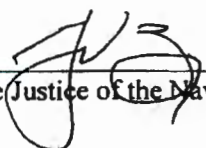
The above named individual was duly sworn in and admitted to practice law before the courts of the Navajo Nation and admitted to the Navajo Nation Bar Association, Inc. on this date.

The Clerk of the Navajo Nation Supreme Court shall to enter this individual's name upon the rolls of those persons admitted to practice before the Courts of the Navajo Nation.

Filed this 4<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2016.

  
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Chief Justice of the Navajo Nation

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Associate Justice of the Navajo Nation

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Associate Justice of the Navajo Nation

# State of New Mexico

## SUPREME COURT

At a regular Term of the Supreme Court of the State of New Mexico held at Albuquerque, on the Twenty-Fifth day of April 2017, before the Honorable

Charles W. Daniels,

Chief Justice and the Honorable

Petra Jimenez Maes, Edward L. Chavez, Barbara J. Vigil, Judith K. Nakamura, Justices,

Rachel R. Felix

having duly qualified on motion of Cheryl D. Fairbanks, Esq.,

was admitted to practice as an Attorney and Counselor of the Court, and the said Rachel R. Felix

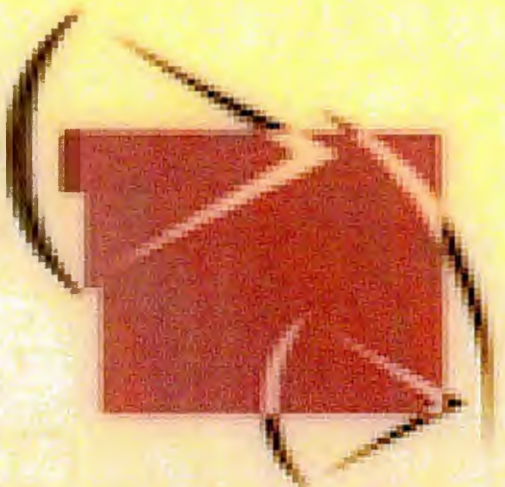
appeared in open Court and took the official oath prescribed by the rules of the Court.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Court at Santa Fe, N.M., this 25th day of April A.D. 2017.



*[Signature]*  
Clerk





# STATE BAR of NEW MEXICO

**Rachel R. Felix**

**CAID #**

**146600**

**17/086**

**Admitted**

**04/17**



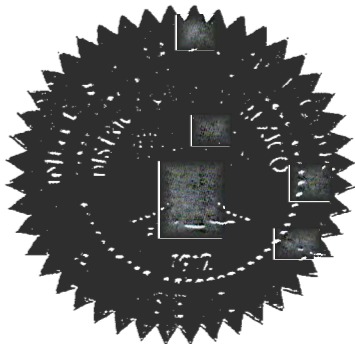
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for the  
District of New Mexico

CERTIFICATE OF GOOD STANDING

I, MATTHEW J. DYKMAN, Clerk of this Court,  
certify that RACHEL ROSE FELIX, Bar # 17-122,  
was duly admitted to practice in this Court on 06/08/2017, and is in good standing as a member  
of the Bar of this Court.

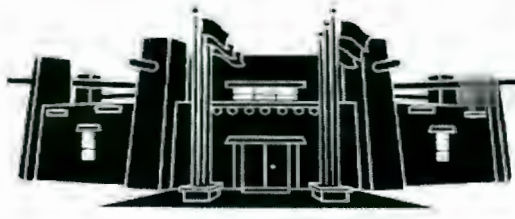
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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Honorable Tuchoney Slim Jr.  
23<sup>rd</sup> Navajo Nation Council

**FROM:**   
Jennifer A. Skeet, Attorney  
Office of Legislative Counsel

**DATE:** June 20, 2018

**SUBJECT: AN ACTION RELATING TO NAABIK'YATI' COMMITTEE AND THE NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL; CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF RACHEL R. FELIX TO THE COMMISSION ON NAVAJO GOVERNMENT DEVELOPMENT FOR A TERM OF TWO YEARS, AS THE JUDICIAL BRANCH REPRESENTATIVE**

Per your request, attached is the above-referenced proposed resolution and associated legislative summary sheet. Based on existing law, the resolution as drafted is legally sufficient. As with all legislation, it is subject to review by the courts in the event of a challenge.

The Office of Legislative Counsel confirms the appropriate standing committee(s) reviews based on the standing committees powers outlined in 2 N.N.C. §§ 301, 401, 501, 601 and 701. Nevertheless, "the Speaker of the Navajo Nation Council shall introduce [the proposed resolution] into the legislative process by assigning it to the respective oversight committee(s) of the Navajo Nation Council having authority over the matters for proper consideration." 2 N.N.C. § 164(A)(5).

Please review the proposed resolution to ensure it is drafted to your satisfaction. If this proposed resolution is acceptable to you, please sign it where it indicates "Prime Sponsor", and submit it to the Office of Legislative Services for the assignment of a tracking number and referral to the Speaker.

If the proposed resolution is unacceptable to you, or if you have further questions, please contact me at the Office of Legislative Counsel and advise me of changes you would like made to the proposed resolution. You may contact me at (928) 871-7166. Thank you.

THE NAVAJO NATION  
LEGISLATIVE BRANCH  
INTERNET PUBLIC REVIEW PUBLICATION



LEGISLATION NO: \_0216-18\_\_\_\_\_ SPONSOR: Tuchoney Slim, Jr.

**TITLE: An Action Relating to Naabik'iyati' Committee and the Navajo Nation Council;  
Confirming the appointment of Rachel R. Felix to the Commission on Navajo Government  
Development for a term of two years, as the Judicial Branch representative**

***Date posted: June 26, 2018 at 1:15pm***

**Digital comments may be e-mailed to comments@navajo-nsn.gov**

**Written comments may be mailed to:**

**Executive Director  
Office of Legislative Services  
P.O. Box 3390  
Window Rock, AZ 86515  
(928) 871-7590**

**Comments may be made in the form of chapter resolutions, letters, position papers, etc. Please include your name, position title, address for written comments; a valid e-mail address is required. Anonymous comments will not be included in the Legislation packet.**

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<b>Comments Supporting (1)</b>	<i><b>1. Crystal Cree, Policy Analyst- Dine College</b></i>
<b>Comments Opposing</b>	<i><b>None</b></i>
<b>Inconclusive Comments</b>	<i><b>None</b></i>



**Office Assistant  
Office of Legislative Services**



**Date/Time**



0216-18

Crystal J Cree <ccree@dinecollege.edu>

Thu 6/28/2018 3:41 PM

To: comments <comments@navajo-nsn.gov>;

Hello,

I am writing to express my full support of legislation 0216-18. After reviewing Ms. Felix' resume and credentials, I am confident she will represent the Judicial Branch well and will contribute enormously to the Commission's mission and purpose.

I trust our leaders will move forward to confirm the appointment of Rachel R. Felix to the Commission on Navajo Government Development for a term of two years.

Thank you,



**Crystal J Cree, MPA | Policy Analyst**

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<b>Comments Opposing</b>	<i>None</i>
<b>Inconclusive Comments</b>	<i>None</i>

  
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**Legislative Secretary II  
Office of Legislative Services**

7/11/2018 11:12am  
\_\_\_\_\_  
**Date/Time**

## Ms. Rachel R. Felix, the Judicial Branch representative nominee

LeTanya Thinn <letanyart@gmail.com>

Mon 7/9/2018 10:30 PM

To: comments <comments@navajo-nsn.gov>;

Yá'át'ééh,

I pray this email finds you in great health and good spirits. I am grateful and looking forward to working with the newly confirmed Commissioner on Navajo Government Development, Ms. Rachel R. Felix, the Judicial Branch representative nominee. I support this nomination.

Ahéhee',

Commissioner LeTanya R. Thinn  
Diné College Student Representative  
Biology Major-Diné College (Tsaile, AZ.)

Sent from my iPhone

**23<sup>rd</sup> NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL  
NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEE REPORT  
Fourth Year 2018**

The **NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEE** to whom has been assigned:

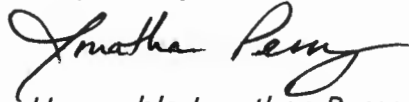
**NAVAJO LEGISLATIVE BILL #0216-18**

An Action Relating to Naabik'íyáti' Committee and the Navajo Nation Council; Confirming the Appointment of Rachel R. Felix to the Commission on Navajo Government Development for a Term of Two Years, as the Judicial Branch Representative

*Sponsored by: Honorable Tuchoney Slim, Jr.*

Has had it under consideration and reports the same **WAS PASSED AND REFERRED TO THE NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL**

Respectfully Submitted,



*Honorable Jonathan Perry, Chairman Pro Tem  
NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEE*

**12 JULY 2018**

**MAIN MOTION:**

*Motioned by: Honorable Leonard Pete*

*Seconded by: Honorable Norman M. Begay*

*Vote: 13 in Favor, 03 Opposed (Chairman Pro Tem Perry Not Voting)*

NAVAJO NATION

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7/12/2018  
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Naa'bik'iyati Committee

Amd# to Amd#	Legislation 0216-18: Confirming	PASSED
MOT Pete	the Appointment of Rachel R.	
SEC Begay, NM	Felix to the Commission on	
	Navajo Government Development...	

Yea : 13      Nay : 3      Excused : 0      Not Voting : 8

**Yea : 13**

Bates	Chee	Hale	Slim
Begay, NM	Daniels	Pete	Smith
BeGaye, N	Filfred	Phelps	Tso
Bennett			

**Nay : 3**

Damon	Tsosie	Witherspoon
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**Excused : 0**

**Not Voting : 8**

Begay, K	Brown	Jack	Shepherd
Begay, S	Crotty	Perry	Yazzie