

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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Naa'bik'iyáti' Committee
Thence
Navajo Nation Council

PROPOSED NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL RESOLUTION
23RD 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, 23rd Navajo Nation Council

June 13, 2018

HONORABLE COUNCIL DELEGATE
23rd 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 23rd 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 "E. Dee", is written over the printed name of Edward K. Dee.

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

xc: ONGD files

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Gary E. Pace, CLM, Executive Director

May 23, 2018



By Electronic and First-Class Mail
ekdee@navajo-nsn.gov

Writer's Direct Line:

Writer's E-mail:

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 (nishlji)*, 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.

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

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

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
Two Thousand Seventeen before the Honorable

Charles W. Daniels, Chief Justice and the Honorable

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

Rachel R. Felix

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

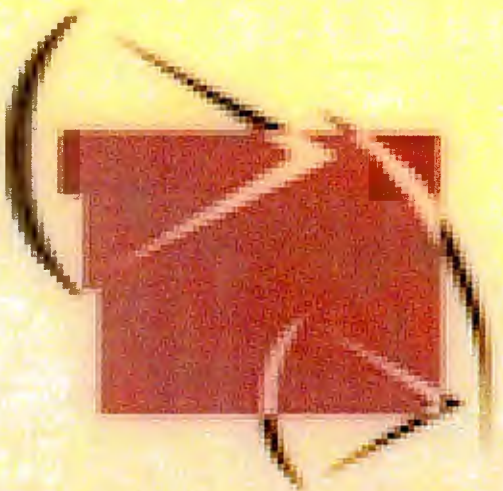
was admitted to practice as an Attorney and Counselor
of the Court, and the said Rachel R. Felix

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

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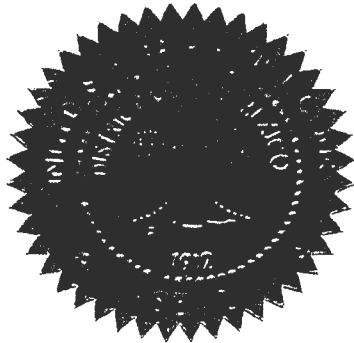
UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

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.

Dated at ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO on 04/02/2018
(Location) (Date)



MATTHEW J. DYKMAN
CLERK

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DEPUTY CLERK



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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 21st day of April, 2017.

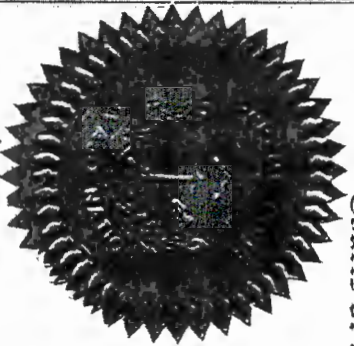
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Raymond C. Etcitty
Chairperson of the Navajo Nation Bar Association, Inc.
Admission Committee



Supreme Court of the Navajo Nation
RACHEL ROSE FELIX

having exhibited in the Supreme Court of the Navajo Nation satisfactory evidence of good moral character and the qualifications of practice law, is hereby authorized to practice as a counselor in the Supreme Court and all other Courts of the Navajo Nation for and during good behavior in said practice.




Michael V. Smith, Supreme Court Clerk

An Testimony ~~whereof~~ I have herewith set my hand and affix this seal of the Supreme Court at Window Rock, Navajo Nation, (Arizona), this 4th day of November, 2016.


Allen Sloan
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, *sizuaad dinisingo bee haasdziih dooleet.*

I, Rachel Rose Felix, do solemnly affirm that:

Diné bibee nahaz 'áanii bee sézjídóó,
bik'eh ánisht'ée doo, dóó bich 'áqah sézjì dooleet.

I will support, obey, and defend all the laws of the Navajo Nation.
Góóldi dóó ánahwii 'aahii dóó hózhqójí k'eh náhooteet shít niljì doo.

I will respect the courts, the judges and peacemakers.
Doo t'áo biniyéhiigóó agha'disht 'áa doo.

I will not maintain causes that are without proper reason.
Bee haz' áanii doo yisgiz da dooleet dóó yooch 'íid
doo bee agha'disht 'áah da dooleet.

I will not seek to mislead by misstatement of law or fact.
Bá yáshti 'ígíí, shít halne 'ígíí, yaa jé 'ólnánígíí, yidisínígíí 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 atí'deeshtíil da.

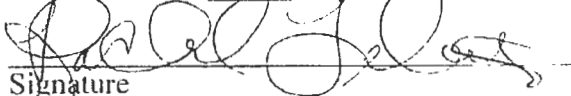
I will refrain from all offensive conduct.
Ách 'áqah hadoodzhii doo yinéel 'ánígíí, 'éi doodaii' Baa hojoobá 'ígíí,
'éi doodaii' bik 'ijí' hodínée 'ánígíí t'áa biká'adeeshwoi dóó bá yáshti' dooleet.

I will never reject the cause of the defenseless or oppressed.
Agha'diit 'aah idl'ijí bee shi'doolzi 'ígíí bik'ehgo ánisht'ée doo.

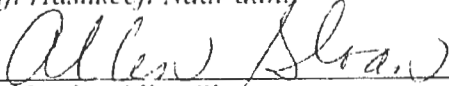
I will adhere to the rules of professional responsibility.
Dii hózhqégo bee 'iiná 'ádeeshííí.

With this, I will make life good.

Dii Nilch'its 'ósi, díí' góó,yool káát, naaki dimíilyázhí
dóó bi' aan hastáá' ts'áadah yihahágíí bine'ee' shizhi' íishlaa.
Sworn to Signed under Oath this 4th day of November, 2016.


Signature

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

Alaqji Hashkééji Naat 'aanij

Chief Justice Allen Sloan

No. SC-NB-23-16

SUPREME COURT OF THE NAVAJO NATION

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

RACHEL ROSE FELIX

ORDER OF APPOINTMENT

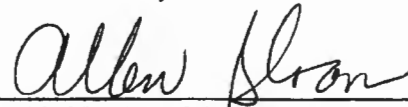
Before Sloan, Chief Justice.

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 4th day of November, 2016.

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Chief Justice of the Navajo Nation

No. SC-NB-23-16

SUPREME COURT OF THE NAVAJO NATION

In the Matter of the Admission and to
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Concerning:

RACHEL ROSE FELIX

ORDER OF ADMITTANCE

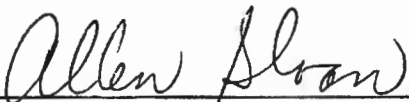
Before SLOAN, Chief Justice; SHIRLEY, Associate Justice and BENALLY, Associated Justice (by designation).

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

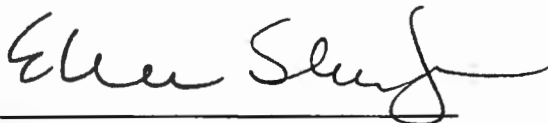
The above named individual was duly sworn in and admitted to practice law before the courts of the Navajo Nation and admitted to the Navajo Nation Bar Association, Inc. on this date.

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.

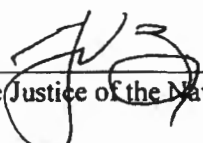
Filed this 4th day of November, 2016.



Chief Justice of the Navajo Nation



Associate Justice of the Navajo Nation



Associate Justice of the Navajo Nation



MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Tuchoney Slim Jr.
23rd 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.

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

**TITLE: An Action Relating to Naabik'iyati' Committee and the Navajo Nation Council;
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Development for a term of two years, as the Judicial Branch representative**

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

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Comments Supporting (1)	<i>1. Crystal Cree, Policy Analyst- Dine College</i>
Comments Opposing	<i>None</i>
Inconclusive Comments	<i>None</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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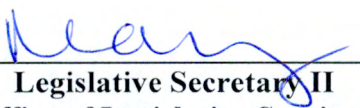
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**Legislative Secretary II
Office of Legislative Services**

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