

SCOTT FUQUA DISTRICT ATTORNEY FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT

The Honorable Richard C. Bosson was appointed to the New Mexico Court of Appeals in 1994 and the Supreme Court in 2002. He retired in 2015 after 21 years of distinguished service on those two courts. Justice Bosson's best known opinion came in the Elane Photography case in which the Court ruled that a photography studio could not discriminate against a same-sex couple in the provision of its photography services. I'm humbled by his support.



Fellow New Mexicans and Voters:

I am writing to express my strong support for Scott Fuqua to be the next District Attorney for the First Judicial District. During his time at the New Mexico Attorney General's Office, Scott was a fixture in the Supreme Court, arguing more than 40 cases before us and briefing over 100 more. I had the chance to see, on a repeat basis, Scott's tremendous skill as an advocate and as a lawyer.

I also had the chance to see something else, a character trait essential to successfully leading the District Attorney's Office – sound legal and ethical

judgment. Scott was always keenly aware of both the strengths and, sometimes more importantly, weaknesses of the cases he briefed and argued before us. He repeatedly demonstrated a well-developed sense of what arguments and issues were actually important to the resolution of a case and which ones were not. While he did not win every case he argued before our court, he may have gained even more credibility in those cases that he lost because of his honest, straightforward acknowledgment of the weaknesses in those cases. As a result, when Scott took a firm stand on an issue, I and my colleagues on the Supreme Court took notice.

The elected District Attorney must exhibit precisely this kind of judgment in deciding which cases to pursue and also in deciding whether society is better served by the incarceration or rehabilitation of a person accused of committing a crime. The people of the First Judicial District need a District Attorney with Scott's sound judgment. It will help focus the resources of the District Attorney's Office where they need to be focused, it will help those in the criminal justice system who can find a more productive path do so, and it will keep us all safe.

Please join me in supporting Scott Fuqua for District Attorney of the First Judicial District. He is exactly what the office needs and what we as citizens deserve.

Sincerely,

/s/ Richard C. Bosson

The Honorable Richard C. Bosson (ret.)