

SCOTT FUQUA DISTRICT ATTORNEY FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT

The Honorable Petra Jimenez Maes, a 1973 graduate of the University of New Mexico Law School, spent most of her career as a distinguished jurist. From 1981 to 1998 she sat as a trial court judge in the First Judicial District in Santa Fe. In 1998 she was appointed to the New Mexico Supreme Court and became the first Hispanic female to serve as Chief Justice, a position she held twice. She retired in 2019 after nearly 20 years on the state's highest court. I'm honored to have her support.



Dear fellow New Mexicans:

I strongly support Scott Fuqua for District Attorney here in the First Judicial District. Over the course of his career, I have seen in him the leadership skills and legal acumen so critical for the job of District Attorney.

I first met Scott in 2001 following his graduation from law school at the University of Chicago. He was clerking at the time for my former colleague Pamela B. Minzner. His work was excellent and Justice Minzner spoke very highly of him. I was pleased when he returned to New Mexico in 2007 as an attorney in the Litigation Division

of the Attorney General's Office. From there, I saw a lot more of Scott's work, as he argued over 40 cases before my court and briefed over 100 more.

Scott is a skilled and accomplished advocate. He is, in fact, one of the best I saw in the Supreme Court during my 20 years of service as a Justice. He understands the significance of the legal issues raised by a case and knows how to persuasively argue those issues. He stood firm in the face of some very tough questions in our court, and I know that he can stand firm as the chief law enforcement officer in this district. But more than that, I've been impressed with his leadership skills. As the Director of the Litigation Division, Scott supervised several attorneys who practiced in courts all over New Mexico, including the Supreme Court. Their work product was of high quality and they obtained excellent results. Scott's leadership kept their focus where his always was as a public attorney – on the good of the State and its citizens. That kind of leadership is essential to a well-functioning District Attorney's Office, and Scott will provide it.

That's why I am so pleased to endorse him in this race. Our district and the people living in it deserve a District Attorney who isn't afraid to take on difficult tasks and who can keep us safe. The First Judicial District needs Scott Fuqua, and I respectfully ask that you join me to support and vote for Scott Fuqua for District Attorney.

Sincerely,

/s/ Petra Jimenez Maes

The Honorable Petra Jimenez Maes (ret.)