



NEW MEXICO
**LAW OFFICES OF THE
 PUBLIC DEFENDER**

Chief Public Defender
 Bennett J. Baur

Licensing Option for Limited Practitioner (Recent or Upcoming Law School Graduate)		Fees Covered By LOPD	Employee Responsibility **
New Mexico Bar Exam http://www.nmexam.org/bar-exam/take-the-bar-exam/process-forms-deadlines/		\$350 State Bar dues 1 st year	\$500 - \$1,500 bar exam fee (amount depends on time since graduation); \$44 fingerprint fee; \$25 application processing fee; any other exam or application-related charges
NM Licensing Option for Attorneys Licensed By Another State		Fees Covered By LOPD	Employee Responsibility **
Public Employee Limited License http://www.nmexam.org/limited-license/ There are two parts to the process: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Application to Supreme Court 2. Character and Fitness Application to the New Mexico Board of Bar Examiners (NMBBE) 	For attorneys licensed in any other state jurisdiction with an LOPD offer of employment and start date.	\$125 Limited Licensing docket fee; \$125 State Bar dues	\$250 character and fitness investigation fee; \$44 fingerprint fee; any other application-related charges
Licensing options that may be pursued by an attorney issued a limited license <i>after</i> hired by LOPD –at the employees own expense and time. NOTE: Attorneys who received an LOPD job offer <i>after</i> having applied for reciprocity, UBE or reinstatement are urged to contact LOPD-HR for additional licensing details and information.			
→ Reciprocal Admission (<i>at own expense and on own time</i>) http://www.nmexam.org/reciprocity/	For attorneys licensed in reciprocal state jurisdiction engaged in active practice of law for no less than 5 of last 7 years.		\$2,500 application fee; \$44 fingerprint fee; any other application-related charges

→ Uniform Bar Exam (UBE) Score Transfer (<i>at own expense and on own time</i>) http://www.nmexam.org/transfer-ube-score/	UBE earned outside of New Mexico. Requires a score of 260 or above and earned within 36 months of the application date.		\$500/\$1,000 application fee (amount depends on time since graduation); \$44 fingerprint fee; any other application-related charges
→ Reinstatement of New Mexico License http://www.nmexam.org/reinstatement/	For attorneys who possess an inactive New Mexico license.		\$350 application fee; \$44 fingerprint fee; any other application-related charges

The following are additional benefits funded by LOPD to support you in your practice and development:

NM Bar – Bridge the Gap Program https://www.nmbar.org/mentorship	Required for all <u>newly</u> admitted attorneys who have not practiced for a minimum of 2 years in another jurisdiction (unless qualified for deferment or exemption).	Membership fee	
New Mexico Criminal Defense Lawyers Association (NMCDLA) Membership http://nmcdla.org/ Contact: Julie.Kitch@lopdm.us	Membership gets you access to the NMCDLA list serve and members library.	Membership fee	
National Association for Public Defense (NAPD) Membership https://www.publicdefenders.us/ Contact: Julie.Kitch@lopdm.us	Membership gets you access to a members library, free live webinars and hundreds of recorded webinars.	Membership fee	

*LOPD does not pay for moving costs.

** Other fees may apply, check with the NM Bar website for details.

Please contact Judy.Gonzales@lopdm.us to arrange for LOPD to pay prorated bar dues or the Bridget the Gap fee.

Questions should be emailed to LOPD Human Resources at LOPD-HR@lopdm.us.