

# Hector Balderas, JD, CFE

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## President/CEO

*Servant Leader* ◦ *Effective Fundraiser* ◦ *Strategic Executive* ◦ *Engaging Community Liaison*

Embodies success as a leader who was raised in Northern New Mexico and went from a very humble start to one of the highest elected offices in the state. Strong advocate for education as a life-changing resource.

Currently in second term as NM Attorney General overseeing annual budget of approximately \$45M and three regional offices with 200+ full time employees. Accustomed to being the 24/7 face of an executive office. Under his fiscal leadership as Attorney General and State Auditor, successfully submitted timely annual audits for 16 years, all with unmodified (clean) opinions. Rare Hispanic leader in the realm of elected public prosecutors.

Accomplished keynote, commencement, and conference speaker. National reputation as an aggressive advocate for consumers, children, and citizens. Ability to analyze and anticipate, look at facts, and set a clear goal before beginning bold efforts. Able to enthusiastically fundraise and connect donors to a compelling mission.

Uncommon knack for coalition building and bringing opposing constituencies together to focus on a shared solution. Charismatic and conscientious role model with an ongoing commitment to students, the special needs community, and social justice. Fluent in conversational Spanish.

Proven abilities and demonstrated capacity to oversee comprehensive projects, effectively prioritize, require timelines and progress, communicate with key parties to assure buy-in, and share credit/results.

Accomplished communicator with talent for quickly articulating complex ideas, synthesizing, and condensing information. Very strong listening, observation, and analytical abilities coupled with a creative, solutions-oriented focus. Makes data-informed decisions and effectively makes the case for change to accelerate adoption.

Demonstrated abilities in prioritizing, problem solving, negotiations, risk management/mitigation, crisis intervention, continuous improvement. Equity in procurement, DEI task forces, and changing hiring practices.

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

*OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL / Santa Fe, New Mexico*

**Attorney General** [January 2015 – Present]

The Attorney General of New Mexico is an elected executive officer of the state and serves as head of the New Mexico Department of Justice. The AG functions as the state's chief legal officer, legal counsel to state government, consumer advocate, and guardian of the public interest. Strong financial and operational leadership.

- Successful cases against sex offenders, opioid producers, auto manufacturers, tech companies, and many others to address injustice and recover millions in damages. Has fought to protect tribal sovereignty.
- Investigated, managed, and executed largest child exploitation and corruption cases in NM history.
- Regularly featured as a national expert on national news programs and in the media.

*OFFICE OF THE STATE AUDITOR / Santa Fe, New Mexico*

**State Auditor** [January 2007 – Dec 2014]

Became the youngest statewide Hispanic elected official in the nation when he won his first race for State Auditor at the age of 33. Transformed the Auditor's Office into a fiercely independent watchdog agency to combat fraud, fight for government transparency, and hold public officials accountable.

- Aggressively exposed financial mismanagement and public corruption disrupting vital government services and harming our citizens.
- Auditors and investigators built cooperative relationships with law enforcement and strengthened accountability across state and local government agencies.
- Launched a toll free, statewide hotline for citizens to report suspected fraud, waste, or abuse of public resources.

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Professional Experience Continued

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*FOURTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT / San Miguel/Guadalupe/Mora Counties, New Mexico*

*District Courts are courts of general jurisdiction which hold jury trials and address such cases as tort, contract, real property rights, estates, domestic relations, and miscellaneous civil jurisdiction and misdemeanors.*

**Special Prosecutor [2005 – 2006]**

Responsible for domestic violence prosecution cases.

*NM LEGISLATURE / Santa Fe, New Mexico*

**Representative District 68 [2005-2006]**

- Represented rural district (Mora, San Miguel, Guadalupe, Taos, and Colfax counties)
- Served on Business and Industry Committee and Judiciary Committee
- Outstanding Rookie Legislator of the Year chosen by Albuquerque Chamber of Commerce

*PRIVATE PRACTICE / Albuquerque, New Mexico*

**Attorney [2003-2005]**

General practice.

*SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT / Bernalillo County, New Mexico*

**Assistant District Attorney [2002-2003]**

Addressed domestic violence and DWI cases.

## **EDUCATION AND CERTIFICATIONS**

- NEW MEXICO HIGHLANDS UNIVERSITY / Las Vegas, New Mexico
  - Bachelor of Arts: Political Science
- UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO SCHOOL OF LAW / Albuquerque, New Mexico
  - Juris Doctor
  - Served as Chair of the Graduate and Professional Student Association
- ASSOCIATION OF CERTIFIED FRAUD EXAMINERS
  - Certified Fraud Examiner

## **BOARDS/SERVICE**

- 2009-2013 National Association of Latino Elected Officials (NALEO) Educational Fund Board Member
- 2015-2022 New Mexico Law Enforcement Academy Board
- 2018-2022 Attorney General Alliance Executive Committee (2019 General Chair)

## **RECOGNITION**

- 2007 - 100 Most Influential Hispanics - Hispanic Business Magazine
- 2010 - New Frontier Award - Harvard Institute of Politics & John F. Kennedy Library Foundation
- 2010 - Liberty & Justice Award - New Mexico Hispanic Bar Association
- 2011 - Conservation Voters New Mexico Sunshine Award
- 2015 - Aspen Institute Fellow
- 2016 - U.S. Army War College Commandant's National Security Program Fellow
- 2016 - Hunt-Kean Leadership Fellows Program in Education Policy
- 2017 - National TRIO Achievers Award - Council for Opportunity in Education