

COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES
114th Congress Disclosure Form
As required by and provided for in House Rule XI, clause 2(g)(5)

“Ensuring Certainty for Royalty Payments on Federal Resource Production”

December 8, 2015

For Individuals:

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For Witnesses Representing Organizations:

Name: Karin V. Foster
Name of Organization(s) You are Representing at the Hearing: Independent Petroleum Association of New Mexico (IPANM)
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For Nongovernment Witnesses ONLY:

1. Please attach/include current curriculum vitae or resume.
2. Please list any federal grants or contracts (including subgrants or subcontracts) related to the subject matter of the hearing that were received in the current year and previous two calendar years by you or the organization(s) you represent at this hearing, including the source and amount of each grant or contract.

NONE

3. Please list any contracts or payments originating with a foreign government related to the subject matter of the hearing that were received in the current year and previous two calendar years by you or the organization(s) you represent at this hearing, including the amount and country of origin of each contract or payment.

NONE

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Profile

Karin Foster is an attorney with over 20 years experience as a litigator, lobbyist, regulatory specialist, arbitrator and mediator. Karin is known as a persistent, knowledgeable and professional advocate for her clients in New Mexico. Since 2005, Karin has represented an array of companies, trade associations and political entities including the Independent Petroleum Association of New Mexico, the Foundation for Open Government and the New Mexico Brewers Guild. Prior to living in New Mexico, Karin was an Assistant District Attorney in Bronx County, New York City, specializing in the prosecution of narcotics related homicides and running the TASC program. Karin is the mother of two and enjoys volunteering, traveling and playing golf.

Experience

President, SouthWest Government Affairs, LLC, Albuquerque, NM 1/2015 – present

Website: www.SWgovernmentaffairs.com

Clients: Independent Petroleum Association of NM, Executive Director, Attorney 11/2005 – present
New Mexico Brewers Guild, Lobbyist 1/2015 – present
New Mexico Foundation for Open Government, Lobbyist 12/2014 – present

- Represent clients on legal, legislative and regulatory matters before federal, state, and local entities.
- Lobby year-round on matters impacting client issues including local government control issues, air, water and energy regulations, species issues, inspection of records issues, and regulation of the liquor industry.
- Litigate administrative rulemaking decisions and cases before agency bodies and NM and Federal Courts.
- Appointed to several taskforces with Federal, State and local agencies and associations to develop consistent policy positions for legislation, grassroots and media efforts.
- Regularly scheduled speaker and columnist for national and state industry trade events, CLEs and publications.
- 2015 Legislative Session: Successfully drafted, passed and obtained final signatures for five pieces of legislation on behalf of the New Mexico craft beer industry.

Partner, New Mexico Land Policy Group, LLC, Albuquerque, NM 1/2015 – present

- Represent several private clients on land and permitting issues before New Mexico administrative agencies including the New Mexico State Land Office, the Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department and the New Mexico Environment Department.

Visiting Professor, Highlands University, Las Vegas NM 7/2014 - present

- Teach two upper and graduate level Oil and Gas Law courses for non-lawyers as part of the Oil and Gas Management Program.

Mediator/Arbitrator, Albuquerque, NM 11/2003 - present

- Provide pro bono services to the 2nd and 13th Judicial District Courts representing indigent clients or the court as an arbitrator or mediator in small claims or family law cases.

President, Chatham Partners, Inc., Albuquerque NM 5/2005 –12/2014

Representative Client list:

Independent Petroleum Association of NM, Executive Director, Attorney 11/2005 – present

Shell Oil, Exploration and Production Unit, Government Affairs rep.	3/2009 - 4/2013
Shell Wind Energy, Inc., Lobbyist and Government Affairs representative	8/2009 - 8/2012
The National Federation of Independent Businesses, State Director	10/2007 - 11/2009
Chaves County Board of Commissioners, Lobbyist	12/2008- 3/2010

- Represented energy companies on legal, legislative and regulatory matters before federal, state, and local entities including EPA, BLM, NMED, NMOCD, NMSLO and NMPRC.
- Lobbied year-round on matters impacting industry including natural gas vehicles, land, air, water, tax and renewable energy issues.
- Litigated several cases including the Pit Rule, the Greenhouse Gas Cap and Trade Rules, the Hydraulic Fracturing Rule and the Mora County Self-Governance Ordinance.
- Appointed to several taskforces with Federal, State and local agencies and associations.
- Founder of Oil and Gas Day at the Capitol to educate the media, the public and legislators.
- Founder of the Young Ambassadors Program to mentor our youth about the industry.
- Guest lecturer at OU School of Energy, the UNM College of Law, Midland College, New Mexico Tech and the New Mexico Bar.

President, K Foster Associates, LLC., Albuquerque, NM **5/2005 - 7/2012**

- Represented Governor Richardson and the New Mexico Economic Development Department in an exchange program with South Korea and the State of New Mexico.
- Achieved successful funding for BIA, DOE and DOD building projects in Albuquerque.

Attorney, New Mexico Legislature, Santa Fe, NM **2004, 2005**

- Senior staff attorney with the House Judiciary Committee during the 2004 Session.
- Senior staff attorney for Senate Judiciary Committee during the 2005 Session.

Senior Staff, Congresswoman Heather Wilson, Albuquerque, NM **10/2003 - 5/2005**

- Developed policy positions on economic development, energy, and small business issues.
- Worked collaboratively with diverse groups to respond to constituent needs.
- Drafted speeches and represented the Congresswoman at events.

Assistant District Attorney, Bronx, NY **9/1994 - 4/2003**

- Conducted undercover and wire investigations and prosecuted narcotics related homicides.
- Acted as supervising attorney of 30 other ADAs for the Treatment, Assessment and Supervision Courts (TASC) program to place, monitor, manage and treat individuals accused of narcotics crimes with addiction issues.
- Drafted and argued motions and appellate briefs before the New York Court of Appeals.

Education

Syracuse University College of Law, Juris Doctorate **Sept 1991 - May 1994**
Syracuse, New York

College of the Holy Cross, Economics, B.A., **Sept 1984 – May 1988**
Worcester, Massachusetts

Personal

My most important responsibilities are my two kids, Adam and Zoe. I hold the proud title of being a “Volleyball, Golf, Drama and Dance Mom”. From 2009 to 2011, I was a Board member with the New Mexico Make-a-Wish Foundation. I have been an active member of the New Mexico Amigos since March 2010 and regularly volunteer as a pro bono attorney. I actively volunteer at my children’s school, I sing in my church choir and I am a single Mom. I enjoy traveling and playing golf.