

Cándido Arturo Archuleta, Jr.



Education

Juris Doctor

Dec 2024

GPA 3.6

Masters of Community and Regional Planning, University of New Mexico
Emphasis: *Community and Economic Development*

May 2004

GPA 3.9

BA, Eastern New Mexico University

May 1999

Majors: *Political Science & Spanish*

GPA 3.72

Honors: Magna Cum Laude

Professional Experience

Licensed Attorney - State of New Mexico

April 2025 to Present

*University of New Mexico - New Mexico Land Grant Council/Land Grant-Merced
Institute*

Director of Operations & Programs

January 2015 to Present

- Direct and oversee daily operations for both Council and the Institute, including supervising of staff and student employees; development and oversight of annual budgets in excess of \$600K; implementing respective mission of each.
- Provide technical assistance and a program of support to land grants-*mercedes* throughout Northern and Central New Mexico, including: legal assistance, compliance with applicable state laws; governance capacity building; conducting elections; budgeting and financial reporting; applying for and expenditure of legislative capital outlay appropriations; development of bylaws, rules and policies.
- Policy development, review and analysis of federal and state legislative and executive policies directly related to and/or affecting land grants-*mercedes*, including drafting of legislation and providing expert testimony before the United States House of Representatives, New Mexico Legislature, and other public bodies.
- Serve as liaison between land grants-*mercedes* and other government entities including fulfilling co-operating agency requirements for Land Grant Council relating to development Land and Natural Resources Management Plans for the United States Forest Service Carson, Santa Fe and Cibola National Forests and the Bureau of Land Management.

Owner

January 2009 to December 2014

- Provide legislative policy advocacy assistance at local, state and federal levels.
- Provide state and federal grant administration services on projects including a \$300,000 Community Development Block Grant affordable housing infrastructure project; a \$450,000 Collaborative Forest Restoration Program grant.
- Provide community and economic development services, including project planning and implementation.
- Provide governance guidance and consultation to local governments, including the development of a local governance guidebook for political sub-divisions of the State published by the New Mexico Land Grant Council; development of a series of training presentations for local government compliance requirements under state law.
- Provide staff support to the New Mexico Land Grant Council including: administrative support in the areas of budget preparation and oversight, project management, and serving as the Council's representative before other governmental bodies when necessary; technical assistance to community land grants in areas of governance and capacity building as assigned by the Council; Develop and provide training workshops relating to budget preparation, financial reporting, compliance with statutory requirements of units of government, Infrastructure and Capital Improvement Planning, and land grant elections.

Mexicano Land Education and Conservation Trust

Executive Director

September 2009 to November 2010

- Supervise technical assistance providers.
- Oversee financial management of organization's annual budget of approximately \$100K.
- Develop and recommend policy for Board of Directors approval with relation to personnel, organizational mission and structure.
- Develop funding streams to accomplish organizational mission, including but not limited to federal, state and private foundation grants, and fee for service contracts.
- Develop and advocate for local, state and federal policy initiatives related to land grants-*mercedes*.
- Provide direct technical assistance in general governance, and compliance, capacity building, comprehensive planning, grant writing, natural resource management and community organizing to land grants-*mercedes*.
- Administration and oversight of public and private grant awards.

North Central New Mexico Economic Development District

Director of Planning/Loan Officer

August 2002 to September 2009

- Supervise planning staff including 2 transportation planners and 1 community development specialist.
- Provide technical assistance to member communities in the areas of project planning, funding, administration and management for various projects including, water & wastewater systems and community and economic development facilities.
- Administration of multiple Department of Commerce - Economic Development Administration Grants.
- Administer \$1.5 million in small business revolving loan fund.
- Manage approximately 30 loan clients, including private businesses, non-profits, and local governments; Process loan applications and closing documents

Appointments & Accomplishments

- Appointed to the Office of the New Mexico Attorney General Natural Resources Equity Council September 2021- 2023
- Served on New Mexico Department of Agriculture Healthy Soils Grant Program Review Committee - November 2020
- Appointed by the New Mexico 1st Judicial District to serve as a Special Master to conduct and oversee the Tierra Amarilla Land Grant Board of Trustees Election - May 2015 - November 2015
- Appointed by the New Mexico 4th Judicial District to serve as a co-Special Master to oversee the San Miguel del Bado Land Grant Board of Trustee Elections - April 2013 - June 2015.
- Appointed by US Department of Agriculture to service on the Collaborative Forest Restoration Program Federal Technical Advisory Panel - 2008 to 2012.
- Served as President and Treasurer Dolores Gonzales Elementary School PTA - September 2011 - May 2019.
- Appointed to APS School Board Redistricting Advisory Committee June - Nov 2011
- Appointed by Governor to service on the Occupational Health and Safety Review Commission - 2010 - 2016.
- Appointed by State Auditor to Chair Rural Task Force on Accountability - July 2008 - January 2009.

Public Presentations & Testimonies

Land Grant 101, Bureau of Land Management Workshop, Santa Fe, March 2023.

Land Grant and the Law, Continuing Legal Education Seminar, Carnuel, October 2021.

Expert Witness Testimonies on State Legislative Measures, New Mexico Legislative Regular and Interim Session, Santa Fe/Various, NM, 2003 - Present.

Public Land Use Equity for Traditional Communities - Carson National Forest Equity Conversations Series, Virtual, September 2020.

Testimony on H.R. 3682-Land Grant-Merced & Acequia Traditional Use Recognition and Consultation Act, United States House of Representatives - Committee on Natural Resources - Subcommittee on National Parks, Forest, and Public Lands, Virtual, June 2020.

Land and Water Wisdom: Exercising Cultural Resistance and Sustainability Practices, National Association for Chicana and Chicano Studies 46th Annual Conference, Albuquerque, NM, April 2019.

La Merced: New Mexico's Historic Rural Populations, Economic Distress and Public Policy Challenges, 2019 Population and Public Policy Conference, Albuquerque, NM, February 2019.

New Mexico Community Land Grants-Mercedes, Cibola National Forest Collaborators Workshop, Albuquerque, NM, October 2018.

Testimony on H.R. 6365 - Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo Land Claims Act of 2018, United States House of Representatives - Committee on Natural Resources - Subcommittee on Federal Lands, Washington, D.C., September 2018.

New Mexico Land Grants-Mercedes - History, Culture and Forest Agriculture, USDA Forest Agriculture Conference, Tome, NM, November 2017.

Land Grants-Mercedes - History, Surveys & Statutes, New Mexico Professional Surveyor's Association 2015 Annual Conference, Albuquerque, NM 2015.

Land Grant 101, USDA-United States Forest Service Region 3 Workshop, Albuquerque, NM, April 2014

Spanish and Mexican Land Grants in the Modern Era, California State University, Northridge, Northridge, CA, November, 2013

Publications

- *Land Grant Governance Guidebook Update*, June 2011.
- *Land Grant Governance Guidebook Update*, May 2010.
- *Land Grant Governance Guidebook*, September 2007.