

# Q&A: New Mexico Court of Appeals Position Two Candidate Gertrude Lee

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- **NAME:** Gertrude Lee
- **POLITICAL PARTY:** Republican
- **OCCUPATION:** Lawyer
- **CITY OF RESIDENCE:** Kirtland
- **RELEVANT EXPERIENCE:** Assistant district attorney, McKinley County District Attorney's Office; deputy district attorney, McKinley County District Attorney's Office; chief prosecutor, Navajo Nation. Currently a senior trial attorney with the San Juan County District Attorney's Office.
- **EDUCATION:** B.A., political science, Creighton University, J.D., University of New Mexico School of Law, certificate in Indian law, UNMSOL Tribal Law Journal
- **CAMPAIGN WEBSITE:** [lawbeforepolitics.com](http://lawbeforepolitics.com)
- **MAJOR PROFESSIONAL ACCOMPLISHMENT:** Working with victims of violent crime and serving my tribe as chief prosecutor of the Navajo Nation.
- **MAJOR PERSONAL ACCOMPLISHMENT:** Being an aunt and great aunt, and caring for my mother.

## Why are you running and what strengths would you bring to the judiciary?

I am running for the Court of Appeals because I have devoted my legal career to public service and I take true enjoyment in legal research and writing. My strength is my ability to bring a different perspective to the court as a Navajo trial attorney born and raised in rural New Mexico with experience in both state and tribal court.

## Personal background

### 1. Have you or your business, if you are a business owner, ever been the subject of any state or federal tax liens?

No

### 2. Have you ever been involved in a personal or business bankruptcy proceeding?

No

### 3. Have you ever been arrested for, charged with, or convicted of drunken driving, any misdemeanor or any felony in New Mexico or any other state?

No