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New Mexico Ethics Watch Hires New Executive Director

New Mexico Ethics Watch announced today that its Board of Directors has hired Kathleen Sabo as the organization's next Executive Director. Sabo is transitioning into the job and will assume full-time duties as of February 5, 2018. A Connecticut native, Kathleen received her B.A. from Fordham University in New York City and her Juris Doctorate from the Marshall-Wythe School of Law at the College of William and Mary in Williamsburg, VA. She moved to New Mexico in 1991 and is a member of the New Mexico Bar. Kathleen has concentrated chiefly on legislative matters, providing legislative analysis to the New Mexico State Senate Judiciary Committee and New Mexico Legislative Reports, and serving as the Head Majority Analyst for the New Mexico State Senate. A long-time consultant to the New Mexico Administrative Office of the Courts on legislation and numerous special projects, Kathleen represented the agency on a legislative task force and steering committee.

"I am very excited to work with NMEW as we continue to promote a culture of ethics in New Mexico," notes Sabo. "I aim to channel my passion for living in an equitable and just society into expanding accountability and transparency in New Mexico government and beyond. We have ambitious plans and goals for 2018, including the release of our second Financial Disclosure Act report by March 1st." Added retired Supreme Court Chief Justice Richard C. Bosson, NMEW Board Chair, "We are very pleased to welcome as Executive Director someone as accomplished as Kathleen. We look forward to our second year of activities in the public interest under her guidance."

An award-winning journalist, Kathleen and the broadcast team at Albuquerque's KUNM Public Radio received the 2015 First Place *Top of the Rockies* award from the Society of Professional Journalists for General Broadcast Excellence. She served for many years as the host and producer of KUNM's weekly public affairs program – *The KUNM Call-In Show* – and was an adjunct instructor in the Department of Communication and Journalism at the University of New Mexico. Kathleen has also consulted with numerous entities on business, media, music and recording projects as the principal of *Voice and Verse*.

The Board of NMEW is grateful to outgoing director Douglas Carver for his dedicated foundational work with the organization.

New Mexico Ethics Watch is a non-partisan, not-for-profit organization, founded in 2016, dedicated to promoting ethics and accountability in government and public life. NMEW advances its mission through research, litigation, policy advocacy, education and media outreach.

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