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**CURRICULUM VITAE**  
**Erlinda O. Johnson, Esquire**  
**Trail Attorney Consultant**

Erlinda Ocampo Johnson was born in Nicaragua. At the height of the civil war in Nicaragua, Erlinda Ocampo Johnson and her family sought asylum in the United States and eventually settled down in Santa Fe, New Mexico. As an immigrant and eventual citizen, Erlinda Ocampo Johnson pursued the American dream of education and success. Erlinda Ocampo Johnson graduated from the University of New Mexico School of Law and immediately began employment as an Assistant District Attorney with the District Attorney's Office in Albuquerque prosecuting crimes ranging from DUI's, assault, battery, drug offenses, to violent crimes of sexual assault and murder. After over five years as a trained and experienced Assistant District Attorney in Albuquerque, Erlinda Ocampo Johnson became a Federal Prosecutor at the United States Attorney's Office in Albuquerque. At the United States Attorney's Office, Erlinda Ocampo Johnson prosecuted a vast array of complex drug cases involving Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force cases, Criminal Enterprises, Conspiracies, and evidence obtained from telephone Wiretaps as well as prosecuting Criminal Immigration Offenses. After six years at the United States Attorney's Office, Erlinda Ocampo Johnson applied the enormous wealth of training, knowledge, and experience as both a State Prosecutor and Federal Prosecutor to the aggressive and thoughtful Criminal Defense, Civil Rights, and Criminal Immigration Law practice of the Law Office of Erlinda Ocampo Johnson, LLC.

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## **ATTORNEY EXPERIENCE**

2006 - Present

### **Law Office of Erlinda Ocampo Johnson, L.L.C.**

Albuquerque, New Mexico

Complete attorney representation of hundreds of clients in the following Federal and State categories:

- Complex Multi-Defendant Drug Trafficking Conspiracies
- Complex Multi-Defendant Drug Wiretap Cases
- Complex Multi-Defendant Federal Murder Case
- Multi-defendant Tax Fraud and Evasion Cases
- Multi-defendant Fraud and Public Corruption Cases
- Drug Interdiction Cases
- Undercover and Informant Operation Cases
- Drug Reversal and Controlled Delivery Cases
- Criminal and Civil Immigration Cases

2000 - 2006

### **United States Department of Justice**

Assistant United States Attorney, U.S. Attorney's Office  
District of New Mexico

Lead prosecutor in Federal Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force cases and Immigration cases.

- Prosecution of hundreds of Federal narcotic and firearm offenses with complex legal and factual issues in multi-defendant cases.
- Conducted a large number of federal jury trials as lead prosecutor resulting in convictions.
- Responsible attorney for analysis and response to complex civil immigration petitions submitted by detained criminal aliens.
- Received Director of Executive Office of United States Attorneys' Award- 2002
- Received Department of Justice Special Act or Service awards- 2001 and 2002

2000 - 2006

**United States Department of Justice Offices of Overseas  
Prosecutorial Development Assistance Training and  
International Criminal Investigation Training Assistance  
Program**

- Trained and rated prosecutors from Honduras and Colombia regarding the following trial procedures:
  1. Comprehensive Case Strategy and Development
  2. Discovery, Records, and Evidence Analysis
  3. Trial Attorney preparation
  4. Witness preparation for trial
  5. Jury Selection
  6. Opening Statements
  7. Voir Dire Questions
  8. Direct and Cross Examination Questions
  9. Jury Instructions and Verdict Forms
  10. Preservation of the Record for Appeals
  11. Comparative law with an emphasis on the North American adversarial system

1995-2000

**District Attorney's Office**  
Assistant District Attorney  
Albuquerque, New Mexico

- Prosecution of hundreds of felony narcotics cases with complex multi-defendant issues
- Prosecution of hundreds of felony violent crimes cases regarding aggravated assaults, rapes, and murders.
- Lead prosecutor of dozens of felony trials involving various charges including drug related offenses, aggravated battery, rape, murder, and other violent crimes.
- Coordinated the establishment of the District Attorney's Office's stalking/harassment prosecution unit in 1996
- Headed the On the Record Appeals Division for the District Attorney's Office, Metropolitan Court Division - 1996-97
- Received the Legal Impact prosecutor of the Year award -1996

2000 - 2004

**Albuquerque T.V.I. Community College**

Albuquerque, N.M.

Part-time Instructor

- Instructor of undergraduate Criminal Law and Criminal Procedure courses.

**PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS**

- ✓ Member of New Mexico Bar
- ✓ Member of U.S.D.C. for the District of New Mexico Bar
- ✓ Member of the Tenth Circuit Court of Appeals Bar
- ✓ Member of the American Immigration Lawyers Association
- ✓ Member of the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers
- ✓ Member of the New Mexico Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers

**EDUCATION**

1995

Juris Doctor

The University of New Mexico School of Law

Albuquerque, New Mexico

1992

Bachelor of Arts Degree in Economics

The University of New Mexico

Albuquerque, New Mexico

**SPECIAL SKILLS**

Fluent in Spanish

Se Habla Espanol