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SPECIAL EDUCATION HEARING OFFICERS

Special education due process hearings are conducted by impartial private practice attorneys and Administrative Law Judges who meet the standards outlined in the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA). Below are the names of the current special education hearing officers and descriptions of their professional experience.

Hearing Officer	Professional Experience
Morgan Lyman	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Graduate of St. Mary's School of Law, San Antonio, Texas, 1981.• 41 years in the practice of law, with experience including private representation of people and entities in administrative, appellate, civil, and criminal actions.• Veteran, USAF (judge advocate), prosecutorial, defense, and administrative counsel roles.• Past Hearing Officer with New Mexico Environment Department.• Current Hearing Officer with New Mexico Public Education Department in Licensure actions and Alternate Municipal Judge, City of Las Cruces, New Mexico.• Special Education Due Process Hearing Officer in New Mexico since 1998.
Muriel McClelland	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Graduate of Temple University School of Law, 1975.• Practicing attorney in New Mexico from 1976 to the present.• Children's Court Attorney, Special Assistant Attorney General, 1976 to 1985.• Special Commissioner for Mental Health Commitments, hearing officer Jackson suit, 1986-1995.• 36 years in family law practice, with 20 years focused exclusively on settlement facilitation.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Special Education Due Process Hearing Officer in New Mexico since 1987.
Nancy L. Simmons	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Graduate of the University of New Mexico School of Law (1983) and the New York University School of Law (1990) (International law).• Practicing attorney in New Mexico from 1984.• Sole practitioner, Law Offices of Nancy L Simmons PC, since 1997.• In addition to special education law, she has experience in general civil litigation, primarily in federal court.• Fluent in Spanish.• Special education hearing officer since 2017.