



## **Felix Briones**

Organizer, secretary, and director  
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Attorney Felix Briones has lived and worked in Farmington since 1959. He served as a board member at Sunwest Bank for 11 years along with fellow FCCB organizers, Frank Macaluso and Greg Anesi. While a Sunwest board member, he headed the Community Reinvestment Act Committee, a banking initiative for Farmington businesses. He was also on the initial board of the New Mexico Mortgage Finance Authority, serving as vice chairman for 10 years.

A native of New Mexico, Briones earned his undergraduate and law degrees at University of New Mexico. His legal practice provides service to clients regarding business law, real estate law, estate planning, probate, and trust administration. Since 1986, Briones has been a life member of the Fellows of the American Bar Foundation, and a fellow of the New Mexico Bar Foundation.

Briones served on the San Juan College Foundation board for 18 years, including as a past president. He also worked on the Public Utilities Commission for the City of Farmington for 27 years, served on the University of New Mexico Foundation for seven years, and chaired the statewide Judicial Performance Evaluation Commission for 13 years. He was a member of the State Bar of New Mexico Disciplinary Board for six years, and was chairman from 1990 to 1991.

In 1996, University of New Mexico Law School awarded Briones the Outstanding Achievement Award for his career and contributions to the legal community. In 2001, New Mexico State Bar Association selected Briones as the recipient of their Professionalism Award. In 2010, University of New Mexico Law School selected him as one of the featured alumni to be initiated into its *60 For 60* publication to commemorate the law school's 60th anniversary. In 2011, he was honored by the office of African America Affairs of New Mexico as a recipient of its Senior Recognition Award. In 2012, the University of New Mexico Law School created the Felix Briones Award in Ethical Integrity in Business Law, which recognizes a student who represents scholarship, leadership, and ethics in business.

