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OVERVIEW

Spirit Gaines is a Partner in the Albuquerque office of GRSM. Her trial practice focuses on the defense of civil lawsuits in the areas of bodily injury/wrongful death, general liability, liquor liability/dramshop claims, trucking accidents, oilfield accidents, product liability, and insurance law. Additionally, Spirit practices in the areas of medical malpractice, construction defect, employment claims, premises liability and breach of contract claims.

Spirit previously worked as a prosecutor at the Second Judicial District Attorney's Office from 2012 to 2017. Over her five years at the District Attorney's office, she worked in the Metropolitan Court Division, Violent Crimes Division, Gangs Division, and Major Crimes Division. She prosecuted hundreds of cases ranging from DWIs to complex multiple co-defendant homicide cases. Her experience includes more than fifty bench and jury trials.

CREDENTIALS

Admissions

- New Mexico
- U.S. District Court, District of New Mexico

Memberships

- Defense Research Institute
- New Mexico Defense Lawyers Association
- New Mexico State Bar's Criminal Law Section
 - Board Member, 2013 to 2016
 - Chair Person, 2015

Education

- J.D., University of New Mexico School of Law, 2012
- B.A., *summa cum laude*, University of New Mexico, 2009

Honors

- Prosecutor of the Year for the Second Judicial District Attorney's Office for 2016