

FINAL SENT TO NMDOT

Official Scenic Historic Marker Program



CPRC meeting: April 9, 2010

Name of Marker: Women of the Judiciary
The Honorable Mary Coon Walters (1922–2001)
Chief Justice Pamela B. Minzner (1943–2007)

Review: Original Text/Replacement Marker Revised Text
 Move of Existing Marker New Marker

NMDOT District:

NMDOT Highway:

Suggested Site for Installation: UNM campus, law school

Proposed Text:

Side One:

Women of the Judiciary
The Honorable Mary Coon Walters (1922-2001)

Ms. Walters, who was a transport pilot during World War II, was the only woman in her UNM law school class when she graduated at age 40. She served on the state Court of Appeals and as a probate judge. In 1984, she became the first female New Mexico Supreme Court justice. She was a role model and mentor to women in New Mexico's legal community.

Word Count: 66

Side Two:

Women of the Judiciary
Chief Justice Pamela B. Minzner (1943–2007)

Pioneers prove their value in those that follow. Pamela Minzner took Mary Walters' seat on the Court of Appeals. Later, following Justice Walters to the New Mexico Supreme Court, she became the first woman chief justice. Renowned for her intellect, kindness, professionalism and gentle spirit, she, in turn, mentored hundreds in the legal profession. Today, women regularly serve on New Mexico's court benches.

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Previous Title and Text: N/A

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Source(s):

Mary Coon Walters

Sources:

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NM Women's Bar Association/State Bar of NM

Henrietta Pettijohn Award Site

Pamela Minzner

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Albuquerque Journal, September 1, 2007. First Female Chief Justice Shaped Lives.

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