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**UNM** SCHOOL of LAW

## **Courts, Corrections and Justice Committee**

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### **The State of the School of Law**

The national crisis in legal education

The strong foundation at the University of New Mexico School of Law

Student body size and learning environment

Faculty size and teaching strength

Strong outcomes in terms of bar exam success and employment

### **Current Initiatives: Charting The Law School's Future Course**

#### **The Utton Transboundary Resources Center**

New Director

Objective analyses in the areas of water and energy

Collaboration with the Law School's Natural Resources Law Program

Faculty strength

Possible environmental law clinic

Staffing needs

#### **The Southwest Indian Law Clinic**

Direct service in and to tribal communities

Staffing needs

## **The Child Welfare Law Planning Grant (Kellogg Foundation)**

Collaboration with the Children's Law Center

### **Spreading Legal Education**

The new Master's in Legal Studies Degree

Development of a 3/3 Program for undergraduate students in the Honors College

The Marshall-Brennan Program for High School Students

The Wild Friends Program for elementary and middle school students

**The Judicial Education Center** – New Director and new methods of delivery of training

**Student scholarships and the competitive environment for high quality New Mexico students**

### **The Clinic Program**

Increased community service (community economic development initiatives)

Staffing needs in the criminal law area (DWI Clinic funding)

**Measuring student learning and producing student portfolios**

**Judicial selection duties and state funding**