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Santa Fe lawyers **Sarah Bennett, Janet Clow, Michael Golden** and **David Walther** were recently honored by *The Best Lawyers in America*, a peer review survey of more than 16,000 attorneys nationwide. The honored lawyers constitute a subset of Santa Fe's Collaborative Law Practice, a group of practicing Family Law attorneys from different Santa Fe law firms who have banded together to offer divorcing couples an alternative to traditional adversarial and

litigation-driven divorce proceedings. Bennett currently practices exclusively in the area of Domestic Relations, in the Santa Fe office of Rothstein, Donatelli, Hughes, Dahlstrom and Schoenberg, LLP. Clow currently practices domestic relations law with the Rubin Katz Law Firm. Golden has been practicing domestic relations law in New Mexico with Moore & Golden, PA, since 1975. Walther has practiced Family Law since 1961.

Robert W. Harris, an Albuquerque patent attorney, has been included in the 2005-2006 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America*. Harris has been a practicing patent attorney in Albuquerque since 1976.

District Judge **Alvin Jones** has retired after 18 years on the bench. Jones plans to join a Roswell law firm and specialize in water law. Jones was first appointed to the bench in 1986 by former Gov. Toney Anaya. Before becoming a judge, Jones was a city attorney for Clayton, an assistant district attorney and was in private practice in Roswell.

Margaret McLean and **Zack Shandler** were recently honored by Attorney General Patricia Madrid with Outstanding Attorney 2004 awards for their outstanding dedication to their work. Assistant Attorney General Margaret McLean of the Criminal Appeals Division was recognized for her work on the admissibility of polygraphs in criminal cases, as well as her assistance on an argument regarding DWI laws in the New Mexico Supreme Court. She has worked in the Attorney General's Office since 1988. Shandler, Assistant Attorney General in the Civil Division, was recognized for his knowledge of election laws and his efforts on cases involving voter identification, election monitoring and vote recount issues. He serves as legal counsel to the Secretary of State and the State Investment Council and has been with the Attorney General's office since 1999.