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"We're going to help people any way we can."—THE PARTNERS

Introducing Lee Boothby

The firm's attorneys bring specific expertise to the legal profession for residents who need help finding their way through the justice system. If you have a serious difference of opinion with a government agency, private corporation, or the district attorney's office, Maestas and his partners have a financial plan for you—the members of the northern New Mexico multicultural public. According to the U.S. Constitution, all citizens are entitled to legal representation, but few can afford it. Now, a law firm in town wants to do right by doing good for less. Under the right circumstances, clients can barter apples, art or equity for legal services, according to attorneys at the firm.

Lee Boothby was absent for the last installment about the new law firm. Lee says, "the firm is thriving and after 26 years of practicing law I'm finally having fun." She calls founder Alan Maestas an "incredible litigation attorney" and she enjoys assisting Alan in complex civil litigation matters. Lee's expertise includes entrepreneurial law, real estate, business transactions and development and experience in acting as legal counsel for start-up companies.

Like the other partners, Boothby combines compassion and expertise. She says she understands how expensive legal services are for the average citizen or local business person. Consequently, she has sought to keep her hourly rate well below what could be expected at her level of experience and expertise. She is especially sympathetic to start-up companies and will handle all the documentation for the proper formation of corporations or limited liability companies at what she believes to be a fraction of the cost of her competitors.

Lee grew up in a Washington D.C. suburb and attended law school at the University of Tennessee. After serving as Assistant Editor of the Law Review, she graduated in the top 20% of her class in 1979. From 1979 until 1986 she worked in Athens, Greece, where she not only learned the language fluently but served as an expatriate tax attorney for Arthur Young & Company. She advised prominent CEOs, Presidents, and Vice Presidents of multinational companies, including Mobil Oil, GE, Lockheed, First National Bank of Chicago, and American Express. Due to the international crisis in Beirut, Lebanon, major corporations had moved their headquarters for the Middle East and Northern Africa to Athens. She says her kids grew up playing in the shadow of the Acropolis.



LEE BOOTHBY

In 1986, Lee moved to southern California and expanded her practice to include civil litigation, corporate and business law. There she helped Enalays Corporation raise millions in investment capital, managing a shareholder base of 450 investors. Other partners include Raceland Development, a company she helped found that is developing a thousand-acre Mortorsports Complex in the Imperial Valley of California.

She visited Taos in 2000 and fell in love with what she calls paradise. She purchased land on the spot, vowing to move here fulltime in three to five years. That wish was fulfilled in August of 2004, when she moved to Taos to begin working for the Eighth Judicial District as a prosecutor. After a year, she moved back into private practice.

Lee taught Advanced Legal Drafting at Thomas Jefferson Law School in San Diego and has also published legal articles. She is an avid believer in plain english for attorneys and loves the creative part of business transactions and trying to help her clients avoid disputes that lead to litigation. At the same time, she says she admires the way Alan thinks outside of the box during complex cases and thoroughly prepares for his trials. Preparation, she believes, is the key to success. A little known fact is that Lee is also a published author. Her book "Mind-Power the Ultimate 15-Second Formula to Transform Your Life Forever" can still be acquired on Amazon.com ♣

Moving to Taos was a huge change for the attorney, who lived in urban areas. She is licensed to practice in California, the District of Columbia, New Mexico and the Federal Court System. "I love Taos and rarely go to Santa Fe. I love this law firm," says Lee Boothby.

Next Up: Former prosecutor and Assistant District Attorney, Tim Hasson joins the firm.