

DEMAND JUSTICE

Margaret Strickland Key Facts

Nominated to the U.S. District Court for the District of New Mexico

- Strickland is a leading civil rights lawyer and criminal defense lawyer in New Mexico.
 - In 2016, Strickland was elected president of the New Mexico Criminal Defense Lawyers Association.
 - Since 2011, Strickland has been a founding partner at McGraw & Strickland, an all-female law firm where she focuses on civil rights work and representing victims of police brutality and sexual assault.
 - From 2006 to 2011, Strickland was a trial attorney for the New Mexico Public Defender.
- In 2017, Strickland [won](#) a \$1.6 million verdict against the Las Cruces Police Department for excessive force, battery and unlawful arrest after a woman was severely injured at the hands of a police officer who, responding to a dispute over a barking dog, slammed her face into rocks and banged her head against a car door. A jury found the officers violated the Fourth Amendment and committed battery.