

# Karin Foster

## Executive Director of the Independent Petroleum Association of New Mexico



- Karin Foster is an attorney, settlement facilitator, lobbyist and advocate for the energy industry in New Mexico.
- She is the current Executive Director of the Independent Petroleum Association of New Mexico (IPANM), representing several hundred oil and gas independent producers in the state of New Mexico in a regulatory, legal and lobbying capacity.
- Karin is also the President of Chatham Partners, Inc. and KFoster Associates, LLC, acting as an independent representative of several energy companies.
- Karin is a graduate of Holy Cross College with a degree in Economics. She obtained her law degree at Syracuse University College of Law in 1994.
- Karin was a senior advisor to Congresswoman Heather Wilson from 2003 to 2005, focusing on energy, business and labor issues.
- Karin was a Senior Homicide Prosecutor specializing in long-term narcotics and gang cases in the Bronx for nearly a decade. Karin also specialized in appellate practice before the New York Court of Appeals and the Southern and Eastern Federal District Court of New York. Karin was trained as a settlement facilitator and mediator by the New York Courts and was an active pro-bono mediator from 1997 to 2002 in New York. Karin was a court appointed mediator in the New Mexico 13<sup>th</sup> Judicial District from 2003 to 2009.
- In addition to her role as the Executive Director of IPANM, Karin is currently representing the oil and gas industry as the attorney of record for IPANM on the Pit Rule, the Greenhouse Gas Cap and Trade rules and the Surface Waste Management rules.
- Karin is a registered lobbyist who has successfully passed and defeated legislation impacting the New Mexico oil and gas industry. Karin is also a frequent participant on regulatory taskforces and stakeholder groups as the Executive Director of IPANM and on behalf of other energy companies.
- A published author and public speaker, Karin travels frequently to help educate regulators, the public and our State and Federal delegations about the oil and gas industry. Karin is the founder of the NM Oil and Gas Day at the Capitol and the IPANM Young Ambassadors program to educate the next generation about the oil and gas industry in New Mexico.
- In addition to representing the energy industry in New Mexico and regionally, Karin's most important job is that of being a mom to two of our world's most perfect kids.

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