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**FELIX CONFIRMED FOR TWO-YEAR  
APPOINTMENT TO COMMISSION ON NAVAJO  
GOVERNMENT DEVELOPMENT**

Rachel R. Felix was confirmed for a two-year appointment to the Commission on Navajo Government Development as the Judicial Branch representative on Thursday, July 19, 2018.

The legislation to confirm Felix was sponsored by Navajo Nation Council Delegate Tuchoney Slim and was approved by the Council with a unanimous vote of 16-0. Felix was appointed by the Honorable Chief Justice JoAnn Jayne.

“I think it is an exciting time for the Commission,” Felix said to the Council during her confirmation. She said she hopes to look at the legal system as the Judicial Branch representative and that she understands the Commission has a broad role in looking at government reform.

Felix is a 2016 graduate of University of New Mexico School of Law where she earned her juris doctorate and a certificate in Indian Law. She also has a master’s degree in public administration from the University of New Mexico. Felix is admitted to practice in the state of New Mexico and the Navajo Nation, as well as before the federal U.S. District Court of New Mexico and several other tribal courts. During her time in law school, she served as student editor-in-chief of the Tribal Law Journal and as student liaison with the New Mexico Tribal State Judicial Consortium. Felix currently works as an associate attorney at Sacks Tierney P.A. in Scottsdale, Arizona.

Commissioner Felix grew up in Shiprock, N.M. Her clan is *Ta'neeszhaani*, born for *Nakai*.

Pursuant to 2 N.N.C. § 972, the Commission on Navajo Government Development consists of 12 members confirmed by and serving at the pleasure of the Navajo Nation Council, including one member nominated by the Judicial Branch through the Chief Justice for a term of two years. The Judicial Branch nominee must be a licensed attorney and a member of the Navajo Nation Bar Association.

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