

36th Anniversary
**Spirit of
Achievement**
New Mexico Award Dinner

2018 Honorees



Julian Garza and Clementina "Clemy" Garza co-own and operate 12 McDonald's restaurants in the Albuquerque metro area and northern New Mexico.

Julian is a retired member of the Colorado Bar Association, served as the deputy clerk of the United States Supreme Court during the Nixon presidency and is an Air Force veteran. He served as president of the Rio Rancho Rotary, where he led the effort to build the only domestic violence shelter in Sandoval County. He has sat on the boards of nearly a half dozen organizations and strongly supports early childhood programs. He has been recognized and awarded for his excellent work numerous times. He holds a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering from University of Utah, Master of Science in judicial administration, and law degree from the University of Denver.

Clemy started her career with McDonald's as a crew person in 1982. She graduated cum laude from the University of Colorado at Denver with a Bachelor of Science in business and a Master of Science in accounting. Clemy assumed her role as chief financial officer for the Garza McDonald's Organization in 1993 and became a McDonald's operator in her own right in 2016. She has been awarded the Outstanding Operations Contributor Award by U.S. McDonald's Leadership. Clemy recently partnered with various local law enforcement K-9 units to raise monies for bullet proof vests, medical equipment, services and supplies.



Linda H. and James M. Parker began their careers in Albuquerque in 1968. Jim is a shareholder with Modrall Spering Law Firm and nearing 50 years of practicing law. He is known for his cowboy hat and boots and is among the Best Lawyers of America. Jim has been recognized each year since 1993 for his work in many fields of law.

Linda began her career as a retail buyer before becoming a shareholder in an actuarial firm. In 1999, she launched two employee benefit plan administration firms, Retirement Strategies and the Cafeteria Plan Company. Linda now dedicates her time and energy to the nonprofit community through various leadership roles. Linda's efforts have been acknowledged with local and national awards.

Jim and Linda have served together on the boards of several non-profit organizations, including their twenty-five years as directors of the Small Business Council of America. In 2015, Jim and Linda co-founded the Parker Center for Family Business at University of New Mexico's Anderson School of Management. The Center provides a forum for addressing critical challenges unique to family businesses.