



Tilli M. Villalobos

Attorney / Of Counsel

Areas of Concentration

– Litigation

Education

Southern Methodist University
Dedman School of Law
Juris Doctor

Southern Utah University
Bachelor of Science in Political
Science
Summa cum laude

Admission & Qualifications

State Bar of Texas

United States District Court
District of New Mexico

United States Court of Appeals
Tenth Circuit

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Tilli McCarthy Villalobos joined ScottHulse in 2025 after spending nearly a decade as a prosecutor with the Department of Justice and the State of Texas. Ms. Villalobos has handled dozens of jury trials in both federal and state court and successfully briefed and argued cases before the Tenth Circuit Court of Appeals. While with the Department of Justice, Ms. Villalobos served as an Assistant United States Attorney in the District of New Mexico and as a Special Assistant United States Attorney in the Northern District of Oklahoma. As an Assistant United States Attorney, Ms. Villalobos oversaw a myriad of complex cases and served as the Tribal Liaison to the Mescalero Apache Tribe.

Ms. Villalobos has been recognized by the United States Attorney for the District of New Mexico as the attorney of the year in 2024 and previously received the Director’s Award from FBI Director Christopher Wray.

Ms. Villalobos is a graduate of Southern Methodist University Dedman School of Law and Southern Utah University. While attending SMU, she represented indigent clients in the Criminal Justice Clinic and worked as an intern in the Dallas County District Attorney’s Office Sexual Assault Unit. While attending Southern Utah University Ms. Villalobos was selected as “The

Outstanding Student in Criminal Justice and Political Science for 2012’s Graduating Class,” represented the university as a delegate at the Education Without Borders Conference in the United Arab Emirates, and studied crimes against humanity in Germany, France, and the Netherlands.

Ms. Villalobos is also actively involved in the community. She is a member and former President of the Junior League of Las Cruces, prior Board Chair of the Girl Scouts of the Desert Southwest,

and prior member of the Doña Ana County Health and Human Services Alliance. She also works with many local animal rescues as an advocate and has fostered dozens of dogs looking for their forever homes. Ms. Villalobos previously volunteered in Kenya with an organization called Africa is Lifechanging. She is a mother of 3 and is very involved at her childrens' schools and in their extracurricular activities.

Representative Cases

- ***United States v. Francisco Javier Palillero, 829 Fed.Appx. 351 (10th Circuit):*** Trial victory in the U.S. District Court for the District of New Mexico and won the appeal at the Tenth Circuit Court of Appeals.
- ***United States v. Gilbert J. Gallegos, 2023 WL 8802687 (10th Circuit):*** Won the appeal at the Tenth Circuit Court of Appeals.
- ***United States v. Jeffrey Steven Clay, 24-CR-00417-KG (U.S. District Court for the District of New Mexico):*** Trial victory in the U.S. District Court for the District of New Mexico.
- ***United States v. Kevin Dwight Clements, 23-CR-01389-MIS (U.S. District Court for the District of New Mexico):*** Trial victory in the U.S. District Court for the District of New Mexico.
- ***United States v. Ceasar Enrique Mendoza and Robert Edward Embly, 24-CR-00062-MIS (U.S. District Court for the District of New Mexico):*** Trial victory in the U.S. District Court for the District of New Mexico.

Presentations & Publications

- Keynote Speaker at the 2nd Annual Southern New Mexico Conference of Child Abuse and Neglect
- Served as the Tribal Liaison for the U.S. Attorney's Office to the Mescalero Apache Tribe
- Received the 2024 U.S. Attorney Award for Prosecutor of the Year for the U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of New Mexico.
- Received the Director's Award from FBI Director Wray for outstanding prosecutive skills.

Organizations

Junior League of Las Cruces

- President of the Board, 2021-2023
- Executive Vice President, 2019-2021

Girl Scouts of the Desert Southwest

- Chair of the Board, 2024-2025
- Vice Chair of the Board, 2022-2024

- Member at Large, 2020-2022