

 **FOR DISTRICT ATTORNEY**  
**BRAD CATES**



Lt. Gov John Sanchez with Brad at NM Farm & Ranch Museum in Las Cruces.



Brad Cates Televised Testimony to PA Senate



### Experience Counts Integrity Counts

Brad Cates brings unique and varied backgrounds to the office of District Attorney, including legal, legislative, prosecution, business, and managerial experience in the local, state and federal arenas.

Brad is an international business attorney, Counsel to the NM House of Representatives Judiciary and Rules Committees, a pecan farmer, Pro-Bono legal advocate, and he lectures and writes about criminal justice and legal reform.

Brad graduated from NMSU with an Honors Degree in Business Management, and was Student Body President and the very first Student Regent. To pay for his tuition, he also worked part time as a Field Estimator for El Paso Electric Company.

Over the years, Brad has served as:

- Both Federal and State Prosecutor
- Assistant Attorney General
- 4 term State Representative in the NM Legislature
- Assistant Commissioner/Counsel at the U.S. INS
- Head of the U.S. Justice Department Money Laundering and Asset Forfeitures office
- Director of Hearings and Appeals for the U.S. Interior Department
- Inventor and owner of an international electronic money business model.
- Corporate Counsel at famed NM Balloonist Maxie Anderson's Mining and Aviation business.
- Counsel to the Administrator and head of Intergovernmental Operations at the U.S. EPA

Brad is a single dad with two sons attending public school in Las Cruces. He is licensed to practice law in New Mexico, Texas and Washington DC.



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## Protecting Our Neighborhoods

It is the duty of the District Attorney to prosecute persons who have broken the laws of the State of NM. Brad Cates believes that the limited resources of the DA's office should be directed toward producing the maximum result for the tax dollars spent.

### Violent Crime

The first duty of the office is to protect our community from violent crimes. Violent predators who violate our homes and lives should be the first priority for prosecution by the DA's office. Brad supports rigorous use of habitual offender and firearm enhancement laws to remove repeat violent offenders from our neighborhoods for good.

### Identity Theft and Computer Crimes

When your life is totally disrupted by cyber criminals, it seems there is no one who will help you. As DA, we will be there.

### Victims of Crime

Special emphasis will be given to assure that the voices of the victims and children are heard, and that they are compassionately integrated into all important decisions and proceedings of criminal case prosecutions.

### Official Corruption

Elected Officials and bureaucrats have a special duty to avoid even the appearance of impropriety. The DA's office will be the watchdog for the citizens in this important responsibility. Brad will be a full time DA, fighting for your interests every day.

### Over Criminalization

When there are too many laws, and vaguely written laws, respect for the rule of law is undermined. For example, there are at least 300,000 federal laws alone. We must work to create a common sense simplification of the criminal justice system.

## Supporting Law Enforcement

The men and women who work in Law Enforcement are our neighbors and friends. They risk their lives every day to make our communities safer. They deserve our respect and support.

### Community Policing

Working together, the police and citizens are a team in fighting crime. Through cooperation and a community based approach, criminals are more easily identified and prosecuted.



### Drunk Driving

A special DUI prosecution unit will assure that police and treatment programs receive all the help they need to keep drunk drivers off the streets.

### Support the Front Line

As District Attorney, Brad will put the full weight and authority of the office behind the efforts of the Border Patrol and Customs Agents.

Drugs, precursor chemicals, terrorists, illegal entrants, human traffickers and sex predators, dirty cash, stolen cars and laundered money pass every day through, or end up in, Doña Ana County.

Supporting these agencies will make our streets safer.

### Militarization of the Police

We should be mindful of the reasons behind the legal prohibition against mixing police and military functions. Surplus military machines and large calibre weapons have no place in a community police department.

## Defending the Constitution



The Bill of Rights have stood the test of time, and Brad Cates stands firmly with each individual in defending those rights.

- Individuals and the press have a right to speak their mind, no matter whose feelings get hurt.
- Law abiding individuals have a right to possess firearms. It is the criminals who should be disarmed and prosecuted.
- Each person has a right to own property, and the government should not take it without due process and a day in court. People's property should not be seized and forfeited without an arrest and a conviction.
- Everyone has a reasonable expectation of privacy in their phones and electronic devices. The outdated New Mexico Computer Crimes Law needs a serious update to protect your images and words, and a tough "sex-tortion" provision needs to be added.
- Each person's home, devices, phones and papers should be secure from warrantless searches, spying, and seizures.
- The people, individually, are endowed by their creator with these rights, and as such, the government works for them, not vice versa.

"Being a Prosecutor is not just about the law. It is about how the law affects the lives of ordinary people."

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