

Candidate statement for Ann R. Littrell, candidate for Bisbee Governing School Board

I have been privileged to serve as a member of the Bisbee Unified School Board since I was appointed to fill a vacant position earlier this year. I sought appointment to the school board because I believed my experience, temperament and expertise in school law would allow me to make sound decisions and work with other board members for the benefit of the school district and student education. I am seeking election to the board for those same reasons.

I was born and raised in Douglas, Arizona. After graduating from Douglas High School I obtained a Bachelor of Arts degree in journalism and anthropology from the University of Arizona. I then attended the U of A law school, graduating second in my class in 1979. I also obtained a certificate in international law when I attended Stockholm's university as a Fulbright scholar.

After graduating from law school I served as a legal aid lawyer on the White Mountain Apache reservation and then entered into private practice in Pinetop-Lakeside, Arizona. While in private practice I was a regional attorney for the Arizona Education Association. In 1988, I was hired as the Cochise County Public Fiduciary. I moved to Bisbee in December of 1988 and have been here ever since.

After leaving the Public Fiduciary's office I went to work as the Douglas city attorney. I left that position in 1999 when I was hired as a deputy Cochise County attorney. My primary duty as a deputy county attorney was to represent all of the public school districts in Cochise County. In 2004 I won election as a Cochise County Superior Court judge. Since my retirement as a Cochise County Superior Court Judge, I have worked part-time for a law firm that represents dozens of school districts throughout the state.

I am a firm believer in public education. My three oldest children graduated from Bisbee High School and successfully completed college. My teenager is now a freshman at Bisbee High School. As a school board member, I will work to ensure that all students in the Bisbee School District receive a quality education that will allow them to succeed in college, in employment and in life. My experience as a governing board member and my training in school law give me the tools to help achieve that goal.