

# EDWARD W. HARNESS, ESQ.

## SKILLS

Uniquely suited to play a leading role in civilian oversight of law enforcement. I have the temperament and experience to navigate the bureaucratic levels to effectively lead an organization.

## EXPERIENCE

### **Executive Director | Albuquerque Civilian Police Oversight Agency | October 2015 - present**

Lead an Agency responsible to investigate all civilian complaints, review and monitor all Internal Affairs Investigations. Also, review all serious use of force and officer involved shootings. Analyze trends and make policy recommendations. Facilitate and lead Community Policing Councils

### **Attorney | Harness Law Offices | November 2001 - October 2015**

Private practice of law representing individuals in two federal areas: Accredited by the Department of Veterans Affairs to represent Veterans in Benefit Appeals & a designated Federal Debt Relief Agency

## EDUCATION

### **J. D. | May 2000 | Marquette University Law School**

Studies focused on Alternative Dispute Resolution. While a 3L I established the Dispute Resolution Center for the Better Business Bureau of Wisconsin.

### **B.A. | July 1997 | Mgmt. Criminal Justice Operations**

Graduated Cum Laude while working full-time as Milwaukee Police Officer

## OBJECTIVE

An opportunity to apply my unique skill set in the critical role of Civilian Oversight of Law Enforcement



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## LEADERSHIP

**Certified Practitioner of Civilian Police Oversight by NACOLE**

**Former Police Commissioner Village of Whitefish Bay, WI**

**Treasurer-New Mexico Martin Luther King Jr. Foundation**