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Court hopeful faces ethics charges

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ALBUQUERQUE, NM State Court of Appeals candidate Dennis W. Montoya stands accused of multiple acts of professional misconduct that could disqualify him from being to

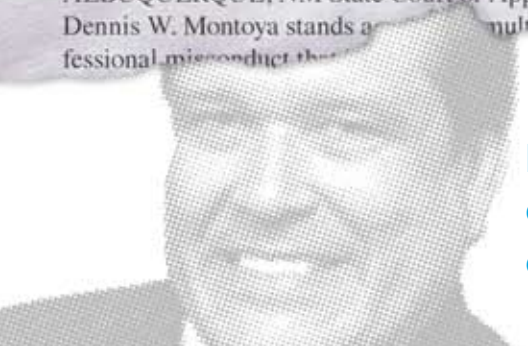
motive. The charges were unsealed after Montoya received them. He has 20 days to respond.

Montoya is running against current Court of Appeals Judge Linda Vanzi in the Democratic primary and said late Tuesday that he plans to continue his campaign.

It was Vanzi who as a District Court judge in

In legal proceedings in state court, Montoya's attorney Charles Vigil has argued Montoya acted in good faith in representing Kosec and her children. Vigil didn't return calls seeking comment.

The Discipline Board's complaint accuses Montoya of a series



Looks like Dennis Montoya's record of lying, deceit, and fraud is finally catching up to him.

their son and Kosec's relationship in various actions. They included a life insurance claim, a workers compensation claim and filing a lawsuit alleging there was a defective tire on the pickup truck Utley was driving.

The Disciplinary Board, which investigates allegations of attorney misconduct, charged Montoya with a pattern of misconduct it said displayed a selfish and dishonest

against Montoya in the primary

The legal landscape in the case is complex. Between 2003 and 2004, Montoya's case proceeds and settled a workers compensation lawsuit resulting from Cody Utley's death. In 2005, Montoya filed a wrongful death lawsuit alleging the tire on the pickup truck was driving failed due to improper installation and a defect in the tire.

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Utley's girlfriend and their child, who legally was sole heir to Utley's estate.

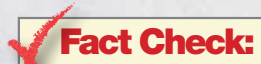
Dennis Montoya has been charged with dishonesty, lying, and fraud

On May 5th, the Albuquerque Journal reported that Court of Appeals candidate Dennis Montoya has been charged with “multiple acts of professional misconduct.”

According to the New Mexico Supreme Court’s Disciplinary Board’s Counsel, Montoya engaged in a “pattern of misconduct” including lying, deceit, dishonesty, and fraud.

Montoya’s actions took place while he was representing an eight-year-old boy

The facts uncovered by the Disciplinary Board are alarming enough. But it’s even worse given that Dennis Montoya’s misconduct took place while he was representing an eight-year-old boy whose father had died tragically in a car accident. According to the Disciplinary Board’s prosecutor, because of Montoya’s actions the boy didn’t receive hundreds of thousands of dollars owed to him.



You can see the *Albuquerque Journal* articles on Dennis Montoya’s record of misconduct, along with the Disciplinary Board charges, at www.factchecknm.com

And this is the guy who wants to be a judge?

VOTE **NO** ON DENNIS MONTOYA.