

**LUJAN V. LOPEZ, 1946-NMSC-042, 50 N.M. 274, 175 P.2d 1002 (S. Ct. 1946)**

**Jose Onesimo LUJAN, Contestant and Appellant,  
vs.  
Ernesto LOPEZ, Contestee and Appellee**

No. 4949

SUPREME COURT OF NEW MEXICO

1946-NMSC-042, 50 N.M. 274, 175 P.2d 1002

December 26, 1946

Appeal from District Court, Rio Arriba County; Wm. J. Barker, Judge.

**COUNSEL**

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Seth & Montgomery and Joseph M. Montoya, all of Santa Fe, for appellee-contestee.

**JUDGES**

Bickley, Justice. Sadler, C.J., and Brice, Lujan, and Hudspeth, JJ., concur.

**AUTHOR: BICKLEY**

**OPINION**

{\*274} {1} Lujan and Lopez were opposing candidates in the general election of 1944 for the office of Sheriff of Rio Arriba County. Lopez was declared elected on the face of the returns. Lujan commenced election contest proceedings, serving on Lopez a notice of contest, the sufficiency of which was challenged by contestee. The trial court sustained the challenge and dismissed the proceedings, from which action of the court, this appeal was taken. Upon stipulation of the parties, this and the cognate case of Ferran v. Trujillo, No. 4948, 175 P.2d 998, were consolidated. It was further stipulated and ordered that the decision in said Cause No. 4948 should be taken and considered as our decision in this cause.

{2} It follows that the judgment must be affirmed, and

{3} It is so ordered.