

Having worked from 2005 to 2012 and dealt with the various unexpected issues of the job are indications that experience is important, McKinley County Clerk Jacqueline Sloan said.

That's the mindset of Sloan as she heads into the June 7 primary for another possible go-round as McKinley County Clerk.

"I have experience. I know how the office functions. That makes me the best person for the job," Sloan said. "I want to bring back integrity and trust to the job."

Sloan is from Twin Lakes and is the daughter of former Public Regulation Commissioner Carol Sloan. She said she's big on running and encouraging a system whereby people can vote early at chapter houses (Navajo Nation) as opposed to travelling to Gallup.

"I'm not unfamiliar with the job," Sloan said.

The county clerk says she wants to implement and stress early voting to people, saying the job is about trust. "You have to have the trust of the people," Sloan said.

The clerk's office handles such things as the issuing of marriage, business and liquor licenses, Sloan noted.

Sloan ready for another go-round as McKinley County Clerk

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Sloan also said the clerk's office is often the first county office that people come to for information on document searches.

She has campaigned at various chapter houses on the Navajo Nation, among them Tohatchi, Thoreau, Mexican Springs, and Twin Lakes. She added that she has also visited the Pueblo of Zuni with respect to campaigning for the \$48,000-a-year job.

Sloan is a graduate of Navajo Technical University in Crownpoint. She is currently pursuing a bachelor's degree in computer science at the University of New Mexico.

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