

**State of New Mexico**  
*Office of the Governor*

**Bill Richardson**  
*Governor*

For immediate release  
2/4/03

Contact: Gilbert Gallegos  
505.476.2299

**GOVERNOR BILL RICHARDSON APPOINTS APPELATE JUDGE, TWO  
DISTRICT JUDGES**

SANTA FE – Governor Bill Richardson today appointed Albuquerque lawyer Michael E. Vigil to serve on the New Mexico Court of Appeals. The governor also announced the appointments of Henry Richard Quintero, Sr., a Silver City lawyer, to be a State District Judge in the 6<sup>th</sup> Judicial District, and Teddy Lowe Hartley, a Clovis lawyer, to be a State District Judge in the 9<sup>th</sup> Judicial District.

The governor said Michael Vigil, a criminal defense and civil litigation attorney for 27 years, has the experience and credentials to serve on the 10-member Court of Appeals.

“The Court of Appeals can be strengthened by the experience that Michael Vigil will bring to the bench,” Governor Bill Richardson said. “Michael has prior experience working for the Court of Appeals, and he is well regarded in the legal community as a trial lawyer. I am also convinced that Michael Vigil truly wants to be an Appellate judge for the long haul.”

Vigil fills a vacancy on the Court created when The Honorable Richard C. Bosson was elected to serve on the New Mexico Supreme Court. Vigil was one of five candidates nominated by the Judicial Nominating Commission for Governor Bill Richardson to consider.

Vigil, a native of Santa Fe, earned his Bachelor’s degree from the College of Santa Fe. He earned his Law degree from Georgetown University Law Center, where was editor of the Georgetown Law Journal.

Vigil was a staff attorney in the pre-hearing division of the New Mexico Court of Appeals from 1973-76. Since then, Vigil has practiced law with Marchiondo, Vigil & Associates. Practicing criminal defense, civil litigation and general law, Vigil has appeared in every State judicial district and before nearly every federal judge. He has appeared as appellate counsel in 49 cases.

Governor Bill Richardson appointed Henry R. Quintero, Sr., to fill a vacancy in the 6<sup>th</sup> Judicial District, which covers Grant, Luna and Hidalgo counties. The longtime Silver City resident is the first Hispanic to be appointed as a state District Judge in Grant County.

Quintero fills a vacancy in the 6<sup>th</sup> District created following the retirement of The Honorable V. Lee Vesely. Quintero was one of four candidates nominated by the Judicial Nominating Commission.

Quintero has practiced law for 22 years, specializing in criminal defense, family law with an emphasis on paternity issues, civil rights, personal injury, criminal and civil appellate matters. Quintero earned his Bachelor's degree from San Jose State University. He earned his Law Degree from Gonzaga University School of Law. He was a partner in Robinson, Quintero & Lopez, P.C. in Silver City.

Governor Bill Richardson appointed Teddy Lowe Hartley to serve as a judge in the 9<sup>th</sup> Judicial District, which covers Curry and Roosevelt counties. Hartley is a native of Clovis, where he graduated from high school. He earned his Bachelor's degree and Law degree from Baylor University, where he was Associate Editor of the Baylor Law Review.

Hartley fills a vacancy in the 9<sup>th</sup> District created following the retirement of The Honorable David W. Bonem. Hartley was one of three candidates nominated by the Judicial Nominating Commission.

Hartley has practiced law for 38 years. He started his career as a First Assistant District Attorney in Lubbock County, Texas. He has worked in private practice since 1983, working as General Counsel for Allsup's Convenience Stores, Inc. He also worked as General Counsel for Western Bank of Clovis from 1983-1992.