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**GOVERNOR BILL RICHARDSON INTERVIEWS FOUR JUDICIAL CANDIDATES FROM
FARMINGTON**

SANTA FE – Governor Bill Richardson today interviewed four Farmington candidates who are being considered for the three open seats in the 11th Judicial District. The governor said he will most likely announce his choices for the judicial seats on Monday, Jan. 13.

“I personally interviewed each of the candidates, and found them all to be impressive,” said Governor Bill Richardson. “I’ll make the announcement on Monday.”

The candidates are:

- John Arthur Dean, Jr. of Farmington
- Douglas Allen Echols of Farmington
- Cindy Lee Gray of Farmington
- Thomas J. Hynes of Farmington

The four candidates were submitted to Governor Bill Richardson from the Eleventh Judicial District Nominating Commission, which convened Jan. 2 to select finalists for the three open seats. The seats are vacant because of the resignation of The Honorable George A. Harrison, and the retirements of The Honorable Byron Caton and The Honorable Paul R. Onuska.