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Governor Bill Richardson appoints Clovis lawyer To serve as district judge

SANTA FE - Governor Bill Richardson today appointed Clovis lawyer Alvin Joe Parker, a Republican, to fill a vacancy in State District Court.

“Alvin Joe Parker, a former teacher, stood out as the best possible candidate for this judgeship,” Governor Bill Richardson said. “He has 21 years experience as an attorney in Curry County. Both friends and adversaries in the courtroom describe Mr. Parker as a man of great integrity and responsibility. I’m pleased to appoint him to the bench.”

Parker is the first Republican appointed by Richardson to a judgeship. He replaces former State District Judge Robert Brack, who was recently confirmed as a U.S. District Court judge for New Mexico.

“This is another sign of bipartisanship in state government,” Governor Bill Richardson said. “I promised to nominate the most qualified candidates, regardless of party affiliation. And I promised to represent all New Mexicans.”

Governor Richardson also praised Clovis lawyer Robert S. Orlik, another candidate for the judgeship. Governor Richardson said Orlik also has impeccable credentials, and is well respected in Curry County.

Before starting a law practice, Parker was a teacher. He taught American history, government and world geography for 10 years at Portales and Gallup high schools. Parker’s wife, Thelma Ramona Parker is a retired teacher.

Alvin Joe Parker is a graduate of Eastern New Mexico University, where he earned a Master’s degree in education. He earned his law degree from Washburn University of Topeka in Topeka, KS.

Parker began his law career in Clovis in 1982. His practice has been focused on civil litigation and debtor/creditor, bankruptcy, real estate, commercial law, wills and probate.