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Governor Bill Richardson Names Michael Kavanaugh As District Judge in Bernalillo County

SANTA FE- Governor Bill Richardson today announced the appointment of Michael Kavanaugh to serve as a Judge in the Second Judicial District Court. Kavanaugh, an experienced Judge serving in Albuquerque's Metro court since 1991, will preside in the District Court's criminal division.

"Judge Kavanaugh's legal background and judicial expertise make him an excellent appointment as a district judge," Governor Richardson said. "His 13 years on the Metropolitan Court bench as well as his service on the Board of Directors for the National Association of Drug Court Professionals give him the experience that is needed to address the DWI and Drug issues that face our citizens."

Judge Kavanaugh replaces former State District Judge John Brennan, who resigned in July.

Kavanaugh was born and raised in Las Vegas, New Mexico, where he served as a teacher and a member of the New Mexico Army National Guard. He is a 1980 graduate of New Mexico Highlands University, where he earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in accounting, served as student body president and graduated Magna cum Laude. Kavanaugh graduated from the University of New Mexico School of Law in 1984.

Kavanaugh's wife, Julie Noreen Altwies, is a Deputy District Attorney in Bernalillo County.

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