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### **Governor Bill Richardson appoints Dona Ana County Magistrate Judge**

SANTA FE- Governor Bill Richardson today announced the appointment of Maria E. Rodriguez to serve as Magistrate Judge in Dona Ana County.

“Maria Rodriguez is a community leader whose diverse legal experience, combined with public service in Las Cruces, make her the ideal person to serve as Magistrate Judge,” Governor Bill Richardson said.

Rodriguez replaces former Magistrate Judge Anne Segal, who resigned in July.

Rodriguez, who was raised in Las Cruces, has 28 years of experience in the legal community, including administrative work and legal assistance to two Federal Magistrate Judges and the U.S. Attorney’s Office in one of the busiest federal prosecutor’s offices in the nation. Rodriguez also worked for the Drug Enforcement Administration and the Federal Public Defender. Rodriguez currently serves as a Paralegal in Las Cruces.

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