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Governor Bill Richardson Appoints Judge Victor Valdez to Bernalillo County Metro Court

Santa Fe- Governor Bill Richardson today announced his appointment of Victor Valdez to serve as the newest judge at Bernalillo County Metro Court in Albuquerque.

Governor Richardson delivered the following remarks:

“Please welcome Victor Valdez, who will fill an open seat in the very busy Metro Court in Albuquerque. Many of the cases filling the dockets are those of DWI offenders, and this illustrates the enormity of this serious problem. Metro Court is the first line of defense against DWI in Bernalillo County.

Victor Valdez is a prominent Albuquerque lawyer who has specialized in employment, civil rights, contract, personal injury and commercial law. Before his most recent stint with the Yenson, Lynn, Allen & Wosick law firm, Mr. Valdez was Assistant City Attorney, and later Deputy City Attorney for the City of Albuquerque. He practiced law in Santa Fe before that.

Victor Valdez, a graduate of St. Michael’s High School, earned his undergraduate degree from Stanford University, and his law degree from the University of New Mexico School of Law. He is the immediate past president of the New Mexico Hispanic Bar Association. Victor also volunteers his time to a number of important organizations. He is a member of the State Bar of New Mexico Bench and Bar Relations Committee, former member of

the State Bar Committee on Professionalism, and a past Board Member of the Rio Grande Botanic Garden.

Mr. Valdez fills the seat vacated by Denise Barela Shepard, whom I appointed to serve in the State District Court.”

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