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Governor Bill Richardson appoints Matthew Chandler as District Attorney for the 9th Judicial District

SANTA FE -- Governor Bill Richardson today announced that he has appointed Republican Matthew Chandler to fill the remainder of Brett Carter's term as District Attorney for the 9th Judicial District, which includes Roosevelt and Curry Counties.

"Matt Chandler proved through his decisive election that the people want him to begin serving as District Attorney as soon as possible," said Governor Bill Richardson. "I am confident that he will be an effective D.A. who will protect the citizens of the 9th District."

Chandler was elected to serve as D.A. beginning January 1, 2005. However, the Governor appointed Chandler to begin his term early after Brett Carter submitted his official resignation on November 15. Carter's resignation is effective November 21 at 5 o'clock p.m. and Chandler's appointment becomes effective at 5:01.

"I appreciate that the Governor has allowed me to get my work started," said Chandler. "I look forward to leading an impressive group of attorneys and staff."

Chandler has spent the majority of his legal career as a prosecutor. He received his undergraduate degree from Eastern New Mexico University, majoring in Criminal Justice, and received his law degree from the University of Tulsa.

