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Governor Bill Richardson appoints Benjamin Chavez To Metro Court

SANTA FE- Governor Bill Richardson today announced the appointment of Benjamin Chavez, an assistant city attorney in Albuquerque, to serve on the Bernalillo County Metropolitan Court.

“Benjamin Chavez has a broad range of experience - from his work with the city’s Nuisance Abatement Unit to his work prosecuting narcotics cases as an Assistant District Attorney in Albuquerque,” Governor Bill Richardson said. “Ben’s hands-on experience will be valuable as he joins the busiest court in the state.”

Benjamin Chavez, a graduate of the University of New Mexico School of Law, has worked as Assistant City Attorney for the City of Albuquerque since 2002. He spent the last year on the Criminal Nuisance Abatement Unit, which has actively cleaned up substandard motels, bars and housing. Before that, Chavez was an Assistant District Attorney, serving in the Narcotics Division, in the Second Judicial District. He also worked as an Assistant District Attorney, as a DWI prosecutor, in Taos County.

Benjamin Chavez is a member of several professional organizations, and is currently on the Board of Directors for the New Mexico Hispanic Bar Association.

Chavez fills the vacancy left when J. Michael Kavanaugh was appointed by Governor Richardson to serve as a District Court Judge in the Second Judicial District.