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New Mexico Governor Bill Richardson Signs Bill Creating New Judgeships

SANTA FE - Today Governor Richardson signed HB 901 sponsored by Representative Kiki Saavedra, creating eight new judgeships throughout the State of New Mexico.

“In this year’s state of the state address, I called for new judgeships in DWI and domestic violence affected areas of our state,” said Governor Bill Richardson. “As we pointed out yesterday when I signed the ignition interlock bill, the rest is up to our judges and our courts to enforce the law. This session I fought to make sure they had the tools and the additional resources they needed to get the job done.”

The Courts will be created in the following communities:

1. Bernalillo County Metro Court
2. Bernalillo County Metro Court (Dedicated DWI docket)
3. Santa Fe County Magistrate Court
4. San Juan County Magistrate Court
5. 2nd Judicial District Court (Albuquerque)
6. 9th Judicial District Court (Clovis/Portales)
7. 11th Judicial District Court (McKinley County/Gallup)
8. Sandoval County Magistrate (Bernalillo)

HB 901 includes \$1.840 million for salaries, staff and basic equipment/furnishings for the new judgeships. This is part of the Governor's "Year of the Judiciary" initiative. The eight new judgeships are effective July 1, 2005.

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