



# State of New Mexico

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## **Governor Richardson Appoints Vincent Ward as Deputy Chief Counsel**

*Santa Fe* - Governor Bill Richardson today appointed Vincent J. Ward as his new Deputy Chief Counsel.

"I'm pleased that someone with Vincent Ward's talent and experience has agreed to serve the public," said Governor Bill Richardson. "I am confident that Vincent will work with Chief General Counsel Hilary Tompkins to uphold the law with commitment and compassion to help move New Mexico forward."

Vincent Ward received his law degree from the University of New Mexico, where he also earned his bachelor's degree in political science. He has worked as an associate for Rodey, Dickason, Sloan, Akin & Robb in Albuquerque. Ward served as a Trial Counsel for the U.S. Navy Trial Service Office in San Diego, where he won convictions in complex cases including rape, child sexual abuse, drug distribution, fraud and national security. Ward was rated the #1 litigator among 21 west coast Navy prosecutors.

Ward received the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal in 2004, the Helen S. Carter Prize for Outstanding Legal Writing and the Lewis R. Sutin Award for Excellence in Advocacy. He is a member of the American Bar Association, the New Mexico Black Lawyers Association and serves on the State Bar's Diversity Committee.