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Governor Bill Richardson Appoints New Court Judges

SANTA FE - Governor Bill Richardson today announced the appointment of 3 new court judges for the counties of Bernalillo and McKinley.

The three judges will fill positions that Governor Richardson, working with the Legislature, created during the recent legislative session to deal with heavy DWI and domestic violence caseloads in the state's busiest courts.

Governor Richardson has made the following appointments:

Eleventh Judicial District

Robert A. Aragon

District Court - Eleventh Judicial District (McKinley County)

Robert Aragon, a native of Gallup, has worked for Aragon & DePauli as an attorney since 1989. He also served the 11th Judicial District as District Attorney from 1985-1988. Aragon is a graduate of Gallup High School and holds both a bachelors degree and law degree from the University of New Mexico.

"Robert Aragon is a lifelong resident of McKinley County," said Governor Bill Richardson. "I am confident that in his new position of public service, he will serve the people of McKinley County with great merit."

Metropolitan Court

Rosemarie L. Allred

Metropolitan Court – Bernalillo County

Allred will serve in Division 18 as a Criminal Judge.

Rosemarie Allred has worked as a sole practitioner since 1997. She has also served as Assistant District Attorney for the Second Judicial District from 1996-1997 and for the Eleventh Judicial District from 1995-1996. Allred holds a bachelors degree from the University of Wisconsin and a law degree from Creighton University in Nebraska.

“Rosemarie Allred is committed to providing fairness and justice to the citizens in Bernalillo County,” said Governor Richardson. “I trust that she will provide invaluable service to the bench.”

Clyde DeMersseman
Metropolitan Court – Bernalillo County

DeMersseman will serve in Division 17 as a Civil Judge.

“Clyde DeMersseman has shown devotion of the law and a strong work ethic that will serve him well as judge,” said Governor Bill Richardson. “He will be an excellent addition to Metro Court.”

Clyde DeMersseman has worked at the Law Offices of James P. Lyle, P.C. since 2004 and for the Branch Law Firm from 1998-2004. He has also served in various positions at the District Attorney’s Office in the Second Judicial District. DeMersseman received his bachelors degree from the University of Colorado at Boulder and holds a law degree from the University of Denver College of Law.

"I am absolutely delighted that Governor Richardson has chosen such high caliber lawyers to serve on the Metropolitan Court bench," said Chief Judge Judith Nakamura. "Ms. Allred and Mr. DeMersseman both will make extraordinary contributions to the court and to the community."

Judges are expected to start immediately. The law authorizing eight judgeships took effect July 1, 2005.