



# State of New Mexico

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### **Governor Bill Richardson appoints Sandoval County Magistrate**

SANTA FE - Governor Bill Richardson today appointed Richard L. Zanotti to serve as Magistrate in Sandoval County. Zanotti will fill the new magistrate position 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.

"Richard Zanotti has longstanding involvement in both the legal and business community and has many far-reaching characteristics that make him an exceptional candidate for Magistrate," Governor Bill Richardson said. "Sandoval County is fortunate to have someone on the bench with his dedication to public service."

Zanotti, a native New Mexican, has experience in the private business sector. He also worked in the Second Judicial District Court from 1997-2001. Zanotti is a veteran, having served as a New Mexico Air National Guard Airmen and with the New Mexico Army National Guard. He is a graduate of Highland High School and attended the University of New Mexico and New Mexico State University.

Zanotti begins as magistrate on July 1, which is when the law authorizing eight judgeships, including three new magistrate positions statewide, becomes effective.

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