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Governor Bill Richardson Appoints Raymond Ortiz to Fill Vacancy on First Judicial District Court

SANTA FE - Governor Bill Richardson today announced the appointment of Raymond Ortiz to serve as a judge on New Mexico's First Judicial District Court, Division III, in Santa Fe.

"Raymond Ortiz is an outstanding attorney with extensive expertise in many diverse legal areas," said Governor Richardson. "His more than 20 years of legal experience include involvement with tribal, criminal, and juvenile law. He is also known as a man of outstanding character and integrity. I am confident that Raymond Ortiz will make an excellent judge."

Ortiz is a native of Santa Fe County and a graduate of St. Michael's High School in Santa Fe. He received his undergraduate degree from Notre Dame and his law degree from the University of California, Berkeley. Ortiz has been an attorney with Roth, VanAmberg, Rogers, Ortiz & Yepa, LLP since 1985 and a partner since 1990. He is a former director and president of the New Mexico Hispanic Bar Association, former president of the St. Michael's Alumni Association and a member of the Board of Directors of Children First, a nonprofit focused on providing counseling and support to Santa Fe elementary and middle school students.

Ortiz was one of four candidates recommended to Governor Richardson by the Judicial Nominating Commission. He fills the vacancy left by the retirement of Judge Carol Vigil.

Ortiz stands for election in 2006.

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