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Governor Bill Richardson Appoints Julie Altwies to Fill Vacancy on Metro Court

SANTA FE - Governor Bill Richardson today announced the appointment of Julie Altwies to serve as a judge on the Bernalillo County Metropolitan Court, Division IV, in Albuquerque.

“Julie Altwies has a strong record of being tough on crime,” said Governor Richardson. “As a Deputy District Attorney she successfully prosecuted the ‘Hollywood Video’ murders case. Her more than 18 years of legal experience include tough stands against violent crimes such as rape, domestic violence, and DWI. She will make an outstanding judge.”

Altwies lives in Albuquerque and is a graduate of the University of New Mexico and the UNM School of Law. She has served as Deputy District Attorney in the 13th Judicial District (Sandoval County) for the past year. From 1988 to 2004, Altwies served as Deputy District Attorney in Bernalillo County. She has been honored as Prosecutor of the Year by both the New Mexico’s District Attorney’s Association and Mothers Against Drunk Driving. Altwies is a former member of the Board of Directors of the Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners Program, and the Albuquerque Rape Crisis Center.

Altwies was one of four candidates recommended to Governor Richardson by the Judicial Nominating Commission. She fills the vacancy left by the resignation of Judge Charles Barnhart.

Altwies stands for election in 2006.

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