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Governor Bill Richardson Appoints J. Richard Brown to Fifth Judicial District Court in Carlsbad

SANTA FE - Governor Bill Richardson today announced the appointment of J. Richard Brown to serve as a judge on New Mexico's Fifth Judicial District Court, Division IX, in Carlsbad.

"Richard Brown is an outstanding attorney with extensive courtroom experience," said Governor Richardson. "His strong connection to the Carlsbad community and his reputation for hard work, fairness and an even temperament will make Richard Brown an excellent judge."

Brown is a graduate of Carlsbad Senior High School, the University of New Mexico and the UNM School of Law. Brown has practiced law for 15 years as a trial attorney and managing attorney in the New Mexico Public Defender's Carlsbad District Office and as an associate with the Grove Burnett Law Firm.

Brown currently serves as a board member of the New Mexico Criminal Defense Lawyers Association, and a member of the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers. He is also a former board member and umpire-in-chief of the Shorthorn Little League.

Brown was one of two candidates recommended to Governor Richardson by the Judicial Nominating Commission.

This position will be up for election in 2006.

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