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Governor Bill Richardson Appoints Stephen L. Bell as New Judge in Fifth Judicial District

SANTA FE – Governor Bill Richardson today appointed Stephen L. Bell to fill a new judicial position in the Fifth Judicial District Court in Chaves County.

Mr. Bell, currently an attorney with Atwood, Malone, Turner & Sabin, is a graduate of the University of Texas Law School. He earned his undergraduate degree in honors studies from Texas Tech University. He is a fellow at the American College of Trial Lawyers and has been named one of the best lawyers in America since 2001. Mr. Bell has practiced law for 28 years, specializing in personal injury, commercial, and appellate law.

As former president and current member of the Roswell Rotary Club, and former board member of the Chaves County Community Foundation and the United Way of Chaves County, Mr. Bell has also demonstrated a strong commitment to serve the community of Roswell.

“I think that experience, both in the courtroom and as a community leader, will serve Stephen well on the bench,” Governor Bill Richardson said.

This is a newly created position in the Fifth Judicial District in Chaves County.

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