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Governor Bill Richardson Announces Judicial Appointment For Dona Ana County

SANTA FE – Governor Bill Richardson today announced the appointment of Fernando Macias to fill the newly created Children’s Court judgeship in the 3rd Judicial District. The Governor worked with the Legislature to create the position, which will help reduce the caseload in the busy Las Cruces court.

“Fernando Macias has a long-standing record in public service to the State of New Mexico and Dona Ana County,” Governor Bill Richardson said. “As a Children’s Court Judge, he will be entrusted to tackle difficult cases like child abuse and neglect, and juvenile delinquency.”

The judicial nominating commission recommended Macias as one of two candidates for the Governor to consider for the judgeship. Macias will serve through the end of the year. The position will be up for election in November 2006.

Macias, a former State Senator and Dona Ana County Manager, has served as Executive Director of New Mexico Legal Aid. He previously served as General Manager for the Border Environment Cooperation Commission and as Executive Director of the Mesilla Valley Economic Development Alliance.

Macias earned his undergraduate degree from New Mexico State University. He earned his law degree from Georgetown University Law Center.

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