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Governor Bill Richardson Appoints Sandra Engel to Bernalillo County Metropolitan Court

SANTA FE - Governor Bill Richardson today announced the appointment of Sandra Engel to serve as a judge on Bernalillo County's Metropolitan Court in Albuquerque.

"Sandra Engel is an experienced attorney and a person deeply committed to serving in this distinguished position in a fair and unbiased in her manner," said Governor Richardson. "Her extensive juvenile and criminal law experience will make her an excellent judge."

Engel has practiced law for over 12 years, most recently as a sole practitioner, serving as a contract attorney with Advocacy Inc. and as contract attorney with the Lawyer Referral for the Elderly. She received her undergraduate degree and law degree from the University of Alabama. Engel is a former Associate Counsel for Everett Law, an Assistant District Attorney for the Second Judicial District, and the Assistant Prosecutor for the City Attorney's office of Rio Rancho. She is a member of the Albuquerque Bar Association, New Mexico Criminal Defense Lawyers Association, and the Community Corrections Board, State Probation and Parole.

Engel fills the vacancy left by the resignation of Judge Loretta Lopez.

Engel will serve in this appointed capacity until the next general election in November, 2006.

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