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## **Governor Bill Richardson Appoints New Judge to 2<sup>nd</sup> Judicial District Court**

SANTA FE – Governor Bill Richardson has appointed Elizabeth Whitefield to fill a new judicial position at Family Court in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Judicial District in Albuquerque.

Ms. Whitefield is a partner at Keleher & McLeod in Albuquerque; she has been with the firm since 1982. Elizabeth Whitefield holds a bachelors degree and a law degree from the University of New Mexico.

“Elizabeth Whitefield has been called one of the “Best Lawyers in America” in family law. Her thirty years of experience will be an asset to the people of New Mexico,” said Governor Bill Richardson.

Ms. Whitefield lives in Albuquerque with her husband, Paul Thorne. She is a member of numerous civic organizations including the Supreme Court Task Force on Domestic Relations.

Whitefield will serve in the new judgeship created during the 2007 Legislature. The appointment shall be effective until the next general election in 2008.

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