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## **Governor Bill Richardson Appoints Maria Dominguez to Bernalillo County Metro Court**

SANTA FE - Governor Bill Richardson today announced his appointment of Maria Dominguez to serve on the Bernalillo County Metropolitan Court.

“Maria Dominguez has an exceptional reputation for being fair and knowledgeable on the courts and law,” Governor Richardson said. “Her broad experience and excellent qualifications will be valuable as she joins the busiest court in the state.”

Maria Dominguez established her own private law practice June 2006 which includes contract work as a hearing officer for the City of Albuquerque and the state Environment Department. She has extensive experience in commercial, domestic relations and criminal law. Prior to becoming a sole practitioner, Dominguez served two years as an Assistant City Attorney for the City of Albuquerque and eight years in the New Mexico Public Defenders Office.

Dominguez, a graduate of the New Mexico Military Institute, earned her undergraduate degree from New Mexico Highlands University and her law degree from the University of New Mexico Law School. She is also an active member of the New Mexico Hispanic Bar Association and the National Hispanic Bar Association.

Maria Dominguez will fill the seat on the bench vacated by former judge J. Wayne Griego.

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