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### **Governor Bill Richardson Appoints New Judge to 4<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Court**

SANTA FE – Today Governor Bill Richardson appointed Gerald E. Baca to fill a new judicial position in the 4<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Court in San Miguel County.

Mr. Baca has served as the sole practitioner for his own law office for nearly 10 years. Prior to which he worked in the private sector and for the District Attorney's Office. He has practiced juvenile and criminal law, domestic relations and personal injury law. Baca earned a bachelors degree in Political Science from New Mexico Highlands University and obtained his law degree from the University of New Mexico School of Law.

"His broad legal experience and lifelong residence in San Miguel county will help guide Mr. Baca's decision-making from the bench," said Governor Bill Richardson.

Gerald Baca lives in Las Vegas with his wife, Darlene. Mr. Baca is a member of the NM Hispanic Bar Association, National Hispanic Bar Association and the NM Criminal Defense Lawyers Association. He also volunteers for the New Mexico Community Foundation, Big Brothers-Big Sisters Inc. and numerous sports organizations in Las Vegas.

This judgeship was created during the 2007 legislative session.