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**First Judicial District Court  
Announcement of Vacancy**

A vacancy on the First Judicial District Court in Santa Fe, NM will exist as of July 1, 2026, due to the creation of an additional judgeship by the New Mexico Legislature. Inquiries regarding the details or assignment of this judicial vacancy should be directed to the Administrator of the Court. Applicants seeking information regarding election or retention if appointed should contact the Bureau of Elections in the Office of the Secretary of State.

Steven K. Homer, Chair of the First Judicial District Court Judicial Nominating Commission, invites applications for this position from lawyers who meet the qualifications outlined in Article VI, Section 35 of the New Mexico Constitution. Applications can be obtained from the Judicial Selection website:

<https://lawschool.unm.edu/judsel/application.html>, or you can request them by contacting the Judicial Selection Office at [akin@law.unm.edu](mailto:akin@law.unm.edu). The deadline for submitting applications is Tuesday, April 7, 2026, at 5:00 p.m. Applications received after this deadline will not be considered.

The First Judicial District Judicial Nominating Commission will meet on Friday, April 24, 2026, at a time to be determined, to interview applicants for the position at the First Judicial District Court, located at 225 Montezuma Ave, Santa Fe, NM 8750.

The Committee meeting is open to the public, and members of the public who wish to be heard regarding any of the candidates will have the opportunity to do so.