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**Bernalillo County Metropolitan Court
Judicial Nominating Commission
Announcement of Vacancy**

A vacancy on the Bernalillo County Metropolitan Court will exist as of September 1, 2026, due to the Honorable Maria I. Dominguez's retirement, effective August 31, 2026. The vacancy in Division 6 will be designated as a Civil Division assignment within the Bernalillo County Metropolitan Court. In addition to presiding over civil matters, the judge appointed to Division 6 will be responsible for conducting Saturday custody arraignments and felony first appearances and will participate in the Court's after-hours warrant rotation. Inquiries regarding the details or assignment of this judicial vacancy should be directed to the Administrator of the Court. If appointed, applicants seeking information regarding election or retention should contact the Bureau of Elections in the Office of the Secretary of State.

Steven K. Homer, Chair of the Bernalillo County Metropolitan Court Nominating Commission, invites applications for this position from lawyers who meet the qualifications set forth 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 by contacting the Judicial Selection Office at akin@law.unm.edu. The deadline for submitting applications is Wednesday, August 5, 2026, at 5:00 p.m. Applications received after this deadline will not be considered.

The Bernalillo County Metropolitan Court Judicial Nominating Commission will meet on September 2, 2026, and September 3, 2026, at a time to be determined the New Mexico State Bar located at 5121 Masthead St NE, Albuquerque, NM, to interview applicants for the position.

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 an opportunity to be heard.