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**B. PAUL BRIONES APPOINTED PART-TIME UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE
JUDGE FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEW MEXICO**

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. – On Friday, March 21, 2014, the United States District Court for the District of New Mexico will appoint B. Paul Briones as Part-Time United States Magistrate Judge. The 4-year appointment is located in Farmington, New Mexico.

Mr. Briones was born in Farmington and attended Eastern New Mexico University for two years before transferring to the University of New Mexico where he received a bachelor's degree in Economics in 1993. He graduated from the University of New Mexico School Of Law in 1996. He currently practices with his father, Felix Briones, Jr., and is a shareholder at Briones Law Firm, P.A. He has earned a "BV Distinguished"™ Peer Review rating by Martindale-Hubbell® listing in recognition of his ethical standards and legal ability in a specific area of practice, and received the Quality of Life Award from the New Mexico State Bar in 2000. Mr. Briones will continue his private practice in the areas of business, real estate, and trust and estate planning.

Mr. Briones serves on the Board of Directors of the Farmington Boys & Girls Club, the board of the Four Corners Foundation, and previously served on the New Mexico Board of Bar Commissioners - New Mexico MCLE Board, and the New Mexico Alternative Dispute Resolution Commission.

Mr. Briones was selected from a pool of applicants for the Part-Time Magistrate Judge position. A Magistrate Merit Selection Panel, consisting of attorneys and lay persons from around the state, reviewed applications, interviewed candidates, and reported their recommendations to the district's United States District Judges, who then made the final determination.

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