

United States District Court  
District of New Mexico  
Office of the Clerk

Pete V. Domenici United States Courthouse



Matthew J. Dykman  
Clerk of Court

333 Lomas Blvd. N.W. - Suite 270  
Albuquerque, New Mexico 87102  
(505) 348-2000 - Fax (505) 348-2028

Divisional Offices  
106 South Federal Place  
Santa Fe, NM 87501  
(505) 988-6481  
Fax (505) 988-6473

100 North Church Street  
Las Cruces, NM 88001  
(575) 528-1400

CONTACT: (Media Only)  
Matthew J. Dykman, Clerk of Court  
(505) 348-2001  
[matt\\_dykman@nmcourt.fed.us](mailto:matt_dykman@nmcourt.fed.us)

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2012  
[www.nmcourt.fed.us](http://www.nmcourt.fed.us)

**THE HONORABLE M. CHRISTINA ARMIJO APPOINTED CHIEF JUDGE OF  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEW MEXICO**

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. - The United States District Court for the District of New Mexico announced the Honorable M. Christina Armijo as the new Chief Judge following the retirement of the Honorable Bruce D. Black. Judge Bruce D. Black was commissioned to the Federal bench in December, 1995 by President William J. Clinton and served 2 years as Chief Judge.

Each District Court is presided over by a Chief Judge, responsible for the oversight of administration of judicial activities in the circuit courts within the district, and will speak and act for the Court. A Chief Judge's appointment is determined by precedence on the Court (28 U.S.C. § 136 (a)(b)(2012).

As a 12<sup>th</sup> generation New Mexican, born and raised in Las Vegas, NM, Judge Armijo has demonstrated a career dedicated to public service; actively participating in programs sponsored by the State Bar of New Mexico. She has volunteered 30 years to the New Mexico High School Mock Trial Competition and was a member of the New Mexico Endowment for the Humanities. Among fellow recipients such as Tara Ford and Diane Denish, Judge Armijo was honored with the Henrietta Pettijohn Award, commending attorneys who have exemplarily advanced the causes of women in the legal profession. Of her 11 predecessors, Judge Armijo is the 2<sup>nd</sup> female Chief Judge to preside over the U.S. District Court for the District of New Mexico. She has served the Federal Court for 11 years, appointed by President George W. Bush in 2001; prior to the United States District Court Judge Armijo served on the New Mexico Court of Appeals for over 5 years.

Judge Armijo received her Bachelor of Arts degree and Juris Doctor degree from the University of New Mexico.

Stay current with the United States Courts - District of New Mexico by visiting  
[www.nmcourt.fed.us](http://www.nmcourt.fed.us).

###