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LAURA FASHING APPOINTED UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEW MEXICO

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. - The United States District Court for the District of New Mexico today announced the appointment of Laura Fashing as the District's newest United States Magistrate Judge. The appointment is for an 8-year term, located in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

She served as an Assistant United States Attorney for the District of New Mexico from October 1996 to August 2015; prosecuting white collar crimes, immigration crimes, and narcotics offenses. She was assigned to the Appellate Division full-time in September 2001 and served as the Appellate Chief since 2010. Before joining the United States Attorney's Office, she worked in the Civil Division of the New Mexico Attorney General's Office. She has worked in private practice in Albuquerque and Los Angeles. She served as law clerk to the late Honorable Irving Hill, U.S. District Judge for the Central District of California. She received her J.D. degree from Boalt Hall School of Law at the University of California, Berkeley in 1989, and her B.A. from the University of Pennsylvania in 1985.

Laura Fashing was selected from a pool of applicants for the 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. A formal investiture ceremony will be announced at a later date.

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