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### **NOMINATION OF DAVID HERRERA URIAS TO FILL UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT JUDICIAL VACANCY IN THE DISTRICT OF NEW MEXICO CONFIRMED BY THE SENATE**

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. – With the strong support of United States Senators Martin Heinrich and Ben Ray Luján, the United States Senate recently voted to confirm the Presidential nomination of David Herrera Urias to be a United States District Judge for the District of New Mexico. President Joe Biden signed the commission formally appointing Mr. Urias to the position of United States District Judge on January 14, 2022. At 4:00 p.m., MST, January 21, 2022, in Albuquerque, N.M., U.S. District Judge James O. Browning administered the oath of office to Mr. Urias thereby allowing him to become the 25<sup>th</sup> U.S. District Judge in New Mexico since statehood in 1912. Albuquerque will be the official duty station for Judge Urias and there will be a formal ceremony at the Pete V. Domenici U.S. Courthouse in Albuquerque in the coming weeks.

Having been raised in Albuquerque, Judge Urias has maintained strong ties to the local community. He attended the University of New Mexico where he received his bachelor's degree in 1997 and then attended law school at the University of New Mexico School of Law. After serving as a law clerk at the District of Columbia Court of Appeals, he was an associate at Fried, Frank, Shriver & Jacobson, LLP in New York City. Judge Urias then relocated to San Antonio, Texas in 2004 to work for the Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund (MALDEF) as a staff attorney. In 2008, he returned to New Mexico and went into private law practice with the firm of Freedman Boyd Hollander Goldberg Urias & Ward, P.A. Judge Urias has been an active member in New Mexico's legal community having successfully litigated cases before New Mexico state and federal courts for the past 20 years.

Judge Urias' expertise in civil rights law, election law, and complex civil litigation, and his experience representing a wide range of clients make him well qualified for the position of U.S. District Judge. He will fill a judicial position that became vacant on January 1, 2022.

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