

Press Release on Endorsement of Vidalia G. Chavez

NM Hispanic Bar Association Endorses Vidalia Chavez for Metropolitan Court Judge

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M.—The New Mexico Hispanic Bar Association (NMHBA) endorsed the judicial candidacy of Vidalia Chavez for Metropolitan Court Judge, Division VIX, at its monthly board meeting held on May 6, 2014.

Ms. Chavez's endorsement was made after review of her experience and commitment to the Hispanic community, as reflected in the extensive endorsement materials she submitted to the association; her interview with the Association's Endorsement Sub-Committee; and a lengthy discussion among the Association's Board of Directors.

"Ms. Chavez is exceedingly deserving of the NMHBA's endorsement, and we are proud to support her candidacy for Metropolitan Court Judge," said Denise Chanez, President of the NMHBA, adding, "Ms. Chavez has made significant contributions to the NMHBA through her service on the board and through her active participation as a member. She is a consummate professional. She is fair, honest, hard-working and thoughtful. She will be an excellent addition to New Mexico's judiciary."

Vidalia Chavez is a New Mexico attorney, born and raised in Albuquerque, and a 2006 graduate of the University of New Mexico School of Law. She is a Supreme Court Appointee to the Metropolitan Court Rules Committee, a member of the committee that established the DWI Court Program for the Second Judicial District Court, and former Police Oversight Commissioner (2003-2005).

Ms. Chavez's contributions to the legal profession and the community are shown in her many years serving on various boards and non-profit organizations, mentoring youth, and devoting her career to representing indigent defendants at the New Mexico Public Defender Department. After learning of the NMHBA's decision to endorse her, Ms. Chavez said that "the New Mexico Hispanic Bar Association is one of the great pillars of our legal community. I am honored to receive this endorsement and look forward to bringing to the bench my years of dedication to the law and the people of New Mexico."

The NM Hispanic Bar Association is the state-wide association for Hispanic attorneys, and is currently composed of around 300 members. The Association's mission is to promote the education and development of Hispanic legal professionals, and it currently works to fulfill this mission through judicial endorsements, community mentorship programs, and continuing legal education programs. For more information on the NM Hispanic Bar Association and its initiatives, visit <http://www.nmhba.net>.