

NEW MEXICO

The New Mexico Territory garnered statehood in 1912.¹ Organized as a single-district state, New Mexico was originally part of the Eighth Circuit but was transferred to the new Tenth in 1929.²

The District of New Mexico has seven judgeships. NM.ST.02.01 was created as a temporary position,³ and as the first ensuing vacancy occurred in this same judgeship when Judge Philips was elevated to the Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit, his line ended. NM.ST.03 also was created this way, but this line was converted to permanent in 1961.⁴ Similarly NM.ST.08 was authorized as temporary,⁵ with the stipulation that the first vacancy on the court occurring ten or more years following the confirmation of the initial occupant would not be filled.

| Statutory History | | |
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| <i>Seat</i> | <i>Legislation</i> | <i>Authority</i> |
| NM.ST.01 | Act of June 20, 1910 | 36 STAT. 557 |
| NM.ST.02 | Act of September 14, 1922 | 42 STAT. 837 |
| NM.ST.03 | Act of February 10, 1954 | 68 STAT. 8 |
| NM.ST.04 | Act of June 2, 1970 | 84 STAT. 294 |
| NM.ST.05 | Act of October 20, 1978 | 92 STAT. 1629 |
| NM.ST.06 | Act of December 1, 1990 | 104 STAT. 5089 |
| NM.ST.07 | Act of December 15, 2000 | 114 STAT. 2762 |
| NM.ST.08 | Act of November 2, 2002 | 116 STAT. 1758 |

¹Clarence E. Carter, ed., *Territorial Papers of the United States*, Volume 1 (Washington: Government Printing Office, 1934).

²See the Honorable Arthur J. Stanley, Jr. and Irma S. Russell, *The Political and Administrative History of the United States Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit*, and Henry Weihofen, *New Mexico: The Territorial and District Courts*, both in the Honorable James K. Logan, ed., *The Federal Courts of the Tenth Circuit: A History* (Denver: U.S. Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit, 1992).

³Act of September 14, 1922, 42 STAT. 837.

⁴Act of May 19, 1961, 75 STAT. 80.

⁵Act of November 2, 2002, 116 STAT. 1758.

| Seat Histories | | | | | |
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| <i>Position #</i> | <i>Name</i> | <i>Date of Confirmation</i> | <i>Date of Departure</i> | <i>Reason</i> | <i>Party</i> |
| NM.ST.01.01 | Pope, William Hayes | February 20, 1912 | September 13, 1916 | Deceased | Republican |
| NM.ST.01.02 | Neblett, Colin | February 5, 1917 | July 6, 1948 | Retired | Democrat |
| NM.ST.01.03 | Hatch, Carl A. | January 17, 1949 | April 5, 1963 | Retired | Democrat |
| NM.ST.01.04 | Payne, Harry Vearle | March 19, 1963 | April 6, 1978 | Retired | Democrat |
| NM.ST.01.05 | Campos, Santiago E. ⁶ | July 10, 1978 | December 26, 1992 | Retired | Democrat |
| NM.ST.01.06 | Vazquez, Martha A. ⁷ | September 30, 1993 | Active | Active | Democrat |
| NM.ST.02.01 | Phillips, Orie Leon | March 3, 1923 | April 29, 1929 | Elevated to Tenth Circuit | Republican |
| NM.ST.03.01 | Rogers, Waldo H. | May 13, 1954 | January 12, 1964 | Deceased | Republican |
| NM.ST.03.02 | Bratton, Howard C. | March 14, 1964 | February 4, 1987 | Retired | Democrat |
| NM.ST.03.03 | Parker, James A. | November 5, 1987 | September 1, 2003 | Retired | Republican |
| NM.ST.03.04 | Herrera, Judith C. | June 3, 2004 | Active | Active | |

⁶First Hispanic district judge appointed from New Mexico.

⁷First female district judge appointed from New Mexico.

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| NM.ST.04.01 | Mechem, Edwin L. | October 8, 1970 | July 3, 1982 | Retired | Republican |
| NM.ST.04.02 | Baldock, Bobby Ray | June 6, 1983 | December 17, 1985 | Elevated to Tenth Circuit | Republican |
| NM.ST.04.03 | Conway, John E. | June 13, 1986 | September 1, 2000 | Retired | Republican |
| NM.ST.04.04 | Johnson, William Paul | December 13, 2001 | Active | Active | Republican |
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| NM.ST.05.01 | Burciaga, Juan Guerrero | October 31, 1979 | November 9, 1994 | Retired | Democrat |
| NM.ST.05.02 | Black, Bruce D. | December 22, 1995 | Active | Active | Democrat |
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| NM.ST.06.01 | Hansen, Curtis LeRoy | September 25, 1992 | April 18, 2003 | Retired | Republican |
| NM.ST.06.02 | Browning, James O. | July 31, 2003 | Active | Active | |
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| NM.ST.07.01 | Armijo, M. Christina | November 6, 2001 | Active | Active | Republican |
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| NM.ST.08.01 | Brack, Robert C. | July 14, 2003 | Active | Active | |

