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New Mexico Magistrate Judges Association elects new officers

SANTA FE – The New Mexico Magistrate Judges Association has elected new officers and board members to serve one-year terms.

Los Alamos County Magistrate Judge Pat A. Casados was re-elected president, an office she has held for the past four years. Lea County Magistrate Court Judge David Finger, Lovington, was selected vice president; Lincoln County Magistrate Judge Katie Lund, Ruidoso, secretary/treasurer; and retired Torrance County Magistrate Judge Steve Jones, pro tem board member.

Board members are:

Judge K.C. Rogers, Roswell.
Judge Karen Mitchell, Roy.
Judge Cynthia Sanders, Gallup.
Judge Warren Walton, Raton.
Judge Maurine Laney, Silver City.
Judge Jimmy “Chuck” Foster, Artesia.
Judge Christopher Baca, Santa Rosa.
Judge John R. Chavez, Belen.
Judge Buddy Hall, Fort Sumner.
Judge George Anaya Jr., Santa Fe.
Judge D'Ann Read, Carlsbad.
Judge Mickie Vega, Carrizozo.
Judge Jimmie Jones, Eunice.
Judge Timothy F. Hodo, Clayton.
Judge Christopher A. Mitchell, Portales.

The association was established in 1970 as a nonprofit organization and its activities include advocating for legislation and court funding. Officers and board members were elected at the annual Magistrate Judges Conference held virtually.

New Mexico has 67 magistrate court judges. Magistrate courts have limited jurisdiction and handle traffic violations, misdemeanors, DWI cases, and civil actions up to \$10,000.

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