

Family Court Judge Shannon Broderick Bulman to retire in new year, Santa Fe New Mexican, Phaedra Haywood, (Dec. 29, 2025)

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First Judicial District Judge Shannon Broderick Bulman will retire Jan. 1 after serving six years on the bench, according to a statement from the New Mexico Administrative Office of the Courts.

“It has been my privilege and honor to serve the people of the First Judicial District,” Bulman said in a statement. “I have strived to fairly and impartially resolve cases based on the evidence and the law, and considering the best interests of children, families and other individuals involved.”

Bulman received her law degree from the University of New Mexico in 1989 and worked as a domestic relations hearing officer in the First Judicial District. She served as a Santa Fe County probate judge from 2015 to 2017 before being appointed to the District Court in 2020 to fill a vacancy created by the retirement of Judge Raymond Ortiz.

While on the bench she heard a range of domestic relations cases, including those involving child custody, divorce, kinship guardianship and domestic violence.

Under state law an independent Judicial Nominating Commission will screen applicants for the vacancy created by Bulman's retirement and recommend nominees to the governor for possible appointment.

The governor will then appoint her successor, who will later have to be elected to the post to remain on the bench.

“Judge Bulman will be greatly missed,” First Judicial District Chief Judge Bryan Biedscheid said in a statement. “She brought a compassionate approach to helping families and a dedication to the law in presiding over emotionally charged situations.”