

## ABOUT JUDGE MANNIE ARRIETA

Judge Arrieta was approved by a special selection commission and appointed to the District Court bench in December 2008 by Governor Bill Richardson, who appointed him. He is a judge in the Civil Division, where most of his cases involve contract disputes, personal injury claims and other civil matters.

Judge Arrieta was born in Deming and grew up in Mesilla. He attended the Las Cruces Public Schools, New Mexico State University and the University of Michigan Law School. He served a clerkship with the New Mexico Court of Appeals in 1984-85. He practiced civil law in Las Cruces for twenty-four years before being appointed to the District Court.

“My long experience as an attorney has been helpful to me as a judge,” Judge Arrieta said. “I have appreciated the opportunity to bring my professional skills and legal understanding to the bench, and to serve with fairness and integrity.” people of this county.”

Prior to his appointment, Judge Arrieta was a volunteer member of the Disciplinary Board Hearing Committee for the New Mexico Disciplinary Board. He has also been active in Big Brothers/Big Sisters, the Las Cruces Homeless Legal Clinic, New Mexico High School Mock Trials, League of United Latin American Citizens, Young Executives for the Memorial Medical Foundation, Inc., and in numerous other activities and agencies.

### Education and Degrees

High School: Las Cruces High School 1973-1976

College: New Mexico State Univ. 1976-1981;

Assoc. degree in Radiologic Technology (1978) and Bachelors in Business

Administration with minor in Economics (1981)

Law School The University of Michigan School of Law (1984); Juris Doctorate

### Civic, Community and Professional Activities

Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Las Cruces,  
Board member 1987-1989

Southern New Mexico Correctional Facility,  
part-time staff instructor, paralegal program, 1987-1989.

Dona Ana Community Branch;  
part-time staff instructor, paralegal program, 1988-1991.

Young Executives, Memorial Medical Center, Inc.Foundation, member 1991-1994

New Mexico Defense Lawyer's Association,  
Amicus brief contributor, 1994-2000

New Mexico High School Mock Trial Program,  
regional judge, 1993, 2005, 2008, 2009, 2010

Las Cruces Homeless Legal Clinic, through the NM State Bar, pro bono attorney,  
providing services to the homeless;  
April 2006 - January 2008

Desert Humanitarians, Inc.,  
pro bono attorney, providing legal services to a humanitarian border group, July 2006-  
August 2007

New Mexico State Bar, volunteer hearing member for the Disciplinary Board, 2005-  
2009

New Mexico Trial Lawyer's Assoc.,  
member, 2001- 2009

American Trial Lawyer's Association,  
member 2001- 2009

League of United Latin American Citizens,  
member, 2006 - present

Hispanic National Bar Association,  
member, 2006-present

Voter Protection Steering Committee, Dona Ana County, member, 2000- 2009

Volunteer Legal counsel to Dona Ana Democratic Party,  
2000-2009

Speaker, the Washington State Trial Lawyer's Association seminar, Lisbon, Portugal,  
September 18-20, 2006; Litigation in the 21st Century.

Speaker, the Washington State Trial Lawyer's Association seminar, Buenos Aires,  
Argentina, October 12-14, 2009; Litigation Strategies.