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NEW MEXICO SUPREME COURT JUSTICE GARY L. CLINGMAN TAKES OATH OF OFFICE

SANTA FE – New Mexico Supreme Court Justice Gary L. Clingman was sworn into office on Monday.

Justice Clingman succeeds Justice Edward L. Chávez, who retired in March.

Chief Justice Judith K. Nakamura administered the oath of office to Justice Clingman during a ceremony in the Supreme Court building. A public investiture ceremony will be held later.

Before joining the state's highest court, Justice Clingman served on the Fifth Judicial District Court in Lea County since 1997, including as chief judge from 2006 to 2013.

Justice Clingman received his law degree in 1984 from Texas Tech University School of Law and a master of judicial studies from the University of Nevada in 2014.

He worked as a private practice attorney with a Hobbs law firm from 1985 to 1997, and previously served as a law enforcement officer and was an oilfield worker.

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