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Public investiture planned for new district court judge in McKinley County

GALLUP – A public swearing-in ceremony will occur on Friday for Eleventh Judicial District Court Judge Bradley Keeler, who grew up in Gallup.

The investiture will take place in the historic courtroom in the McKinley County Courthouse in Gallup at 3 p.m. (MDT) on July 19. Judge Keeler was appointed by the governor to succeed Eleventh Judicial District Court Judge Louis DePauli Jr., who retired earlier this year.

"I am humbled and honored to serve the people of New Mexico as a judge and will do my best to carry out the responsibilities of the court to provide fair, impartial and equal justice to everyone," said Judge Keeler.

Before joining the district court, Judge Keeler engaged in the private practice of law in Gallup for more than 20 years. He specialized in disability law, assisting people who had been denied benefits by the Social Security Administration. Early in his career, he worked as a public defender handling criminal cases as a contract attorney. He also enjoyed helping with day-to-day operations of a family-run business in Gallup.

Judge Keeler received his law degree from the Southern Methodist University Dedman School of Law in 2002, and earned an undergraduate degree in biology from Baylor University. He graduated from Gallup High School.

The judge is married to Kyndee Keeler, who is a career coordinator for the Gallup-McKinley County School District.

When he is not working, Judge Keeler enjoys spending time with his family, and enjoying time in the beautiful outdoors of northwestern New Mexico.

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District Court Judge Bradley Keeler (courtesy photo)