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Second Judicial District Court Judges renew their Oaths of Office

Second Judicial District Court Judges Cindy Leos, David Murphy, and Chief Judge Marie Ward joined Metropolitan Court Judges and many of Bernalillo County's newly elected officials in Bernalillo County's "Oath of Office" ceremony on January 1, 2025, at the Ken Sanchez Chambers in Bernalillo County.

Alongside Judge Leos and Judge Murphy, seven other judges were retained in their positions, including Judges Denise Barela-Shepherd, Victor S. Lopez, Brett R. Loveless, Elaine P. Lujan, Daniel E. "Dan" Ramczyk, Courtney Bryn Weaks and Emeterio L. Rudolfo.

"The oath office is a pledge to serve and uphold the laws and constitution of the State of New Mexico and the United States," said **Chief Judge Ward**. "It is an honor for Judge Leos, Judge Murphy and I to participate in this event, and are grateful to serve the citizens of Bernalillo County."

***About the Second Judicial District Court:** The court is located in Bernalillo County in the State of New Mexico. There are 30 judges who hear cases in four divisions; civil, criminal, family and children's court. The Second Judicial District Court is a court of general jurisdiction which holds jury trials and handle cases in tort, contract, real property rights, estate, domestic relations, mental health, appeals from administrative agencies and lower courts, miscellaneous civil matters, criminal prosecutions, adoptions, child welfare, and juvenile delinquency.*