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Jim Hall served as a District Judge from 1995 to 2009. During his tenure on the bench, he handled cases in the Civil Division, Criminal Division and Family Court. He was twice elected by his colleagues to serve as Chief Judge of the First Judicial District, serving from 2001-2008. As a Civil Court Judge, he presided over a wide variety of cases, including a number of highly complex civil matters.

Following his retirement from the bench, Judge Hall opened a mediation and arbitration practice in Santa Fe in 2010. For the past five years, he has mediated approximately 150 cases per year. He has mediated in a wide range of cases including personal injury, medical malpractice, employment, civil rights, probate, commercial, construction and oil and gas cases. In 2013, he was recognized as a Southwest Super Lawyer in Alternative Dispute Resolution.

In addition to his mediation and arbitration practice, Judge Hall continues to preside over active cases through his appointment as a *pro tem* judge by the New Mexico Supreme Court. In this role, he has presided over several complex matters, including all state cases related to the redistricting of political districts following the 2010 census.

## Education

University of Michigan School of Law, Ann Arbor, Michigan, J.D., 1983  
DePauw University, Greencastle Indiana, B.A. 1979

## Memberships and Affiliations

State Bar of New Mexico, 1984-present  
New Mexico Judicial Performance Evaluation Commission, Vice-Chair, 2010-present  
New Mexico Board of Bar Commissioners, 2012-present  
Adjunct Instructor in Trial Practice, University of New Mexico School of Law, 2008-2014  
New Mexico Judicial Standards Commission, 2002-2008  
Chief Judges Council and State Budget Committee, 2001-2008  
Outstanding Trial Judge, American Board of Trial Advocates, 2007  
Seth D. Montgomery Distinguished Judicial Service Award, 2010