

**FOR – Judicial Performance Evaluation Commission
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**NEW MEXICO JUDICIAL PERFORMANCE EVALUATION COMMISSION
ANNOUNCES APPOINTMENT OF TWO NEW MEMBERS**

SANTA FE – The **New Mexico Judicial Performance Evaluation Commission (JPEC)** has announced the appointment of **Lori D. Hartley** of Texico and **Debra Hicks** of Hobbs as new members. The Commission was established by the Supreme Court of New Mexico in 1997 to improve the performance of New Mexico’s judges and provide useful, credible information to voters on judges standing for retention elections.

Hartley is an active community volunteer, serving on the board of directors of the United Way of Clovis and as a member of Beta Sigma Phi, a service sorority. She is also a member of the Central Baptist Church in Clovis and has coached Amateur Athletic Union basketball teams in that community.

Hartley holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in secondary education with an emphasis on coaching from Eastern New Mexico University and a Bachelor of Arts degree in interior design from Texas State Technical Institute (now part of the Texas State Technical College network).

Hicks, a professional engineer, has served as president of Pettigrew and Associates, a civil engineering firm in Hobbs, for the past 16 years. She is also president of Curves for Women in Hobbs.

Hicks has volunteered with the Hobbs Chamber of Commerce, the Junior Service League of Hobbs, New Mexico First, the Rotary Club of Hobbs, the Economic Development Corporation of Lea County and other organizations.

She holds a Bachelor of Science degree in civil engineering from New Mexico State University and is a registered professional engineer in New Mexico, Texas, Oklahoma and Kansas

The Judicial Performance Evaluation Commission is comprised of 15 individuals – seven lawyers and eight non-lawyers, who are appointed by the Supreme Court to staggered terms. Members are selected from nominations made by the Governor, Chief Justice of the Supreme

Court, Speaker of the House, Senate President Pro Tem, House Minority Leader, Senate Minority Leader and President of the State Bar. The Commission must be broadly representative of the state, geographically, politically and otherwise.

For more information about the Judicial Performance Evaluation Commission, interested individuals may call **Louise Baca-Sena, Project Manager**, at **(505) 827-4960**, email aoclmb@nmcourts.com or visit the Commission's website at www.nmjpec.org.