

THE PARKER SEAT

¹The Initial Term: 4 Years
Succeeding Terms: 8 Years

| ELECTION | JUSTICE | P | DATES OF SERVICE | |
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| | | | FROM | TO |
| 1911 | ² PARKER Frank W | R | JAN 1912 | DEC 1921 |
| 1920 | PARKER Frank W | R | JAN 1921 | DEC 1928 |
| 1928 | ³ PARKER Frank W | R | JAN 1929 | AUG 1932 |
| | ⁴ NEAL Tom W | D | NOV 1932 | DEC 1932 |
| *1932 | ZINN Abraham L | D | JAN 1933 | DEC 1936 |
| 1936 | ⁵ ZINN Abraham L | D | JAN 1937 | MAY 1943 |
| | ⁶ THREET Martin A | D | JUN 1943 | DEC 1944 |
| 1944 | LUJAN Eugene D | D | JAN 1945 | DEC 1952 |
| 1952 | ⁷ LUJAN Eugene D | D | JAN 1953 | DEC 1959 |
| | ⁸ CHAVEZ Jr. David | D | JAN 1960 | DEC 1960 |
| 1960 | CHAVEZ Jr. David | D | JAN 1961 | DEC 1968 |
| 1968 | ⁹ TACKETT Paul | D | JAN 1969 | JUN 1971 |
| | ¹⁰ MONTOYA Samuel Z | D | JUN 1971 | DEC 1972 |
| *1972 | MONTOYA Samuel Z | D | JAN 1973 | DEC 1976 |
| 1976 | SOSA Jr. Dan | D | JAN 1977 | DEC 1984 |
| 1984 | ¹¹ SOSA Jr. Dan | D | JAN 1985 | SEP 1991 |
| | ¹² FROST Stanley F | D | NOV 1991 | DEC 1992 |
| 1992 | ¹³ FROST Stanley F | D | JAN 1993 | MAY 1996 |
| | ¹⁴ McKINNON Dan A III | D | JUL 1996 | DEC 1996 |
| *1996 | ¹⁵ SERNA Patricio A | D | DEC 1997 | DEC 2000 |

*Election to fill unexpired term

NOTES RE PARKER SEAT

1. Parker, Hanna, and Roberts, the first three state supreme court justices, drew by lot initial terms of 4 years, 6 years, and 8 years, respectively, but since the election was held in 1911, each of the initial three terms were a year longer than would have been the case if the election had been held in 1912.
2. The first three state supreme court justices, Parker, Hanna, and Roberts, took office on January 10, 1912 (SCR, Book E, January 10, 1912, 1, 2, 3). Parker and Roberts were NM territorial supreme court justices at the time they were elected supreme court justices (NMR 15: 1909-10). Both were also delegates to the NM Constitutional Convention of 1910 (*New Mexico Historical Documents*, University of New Mexico Press, 1975, 140).
3. Parker died on August 3, 1932 (NMR 36: 1931-32, iii).
4. Neal was appointed to the Parker vacancy by Governor Arthur Seligman on November 15, 1932 (Roberts, 214), and took office November 15, 1932 (SCR, Book K, 502).
5. Zinn resigned effective May 31, 1943 (NMR 47: 1942-43, iv).
6. Threet was appointed to the Zinn vacancy by Governor John J. Dempsey effective June 1, 1943 (NMR 47: 1942-43, iv).
7. Lujan retired on December 31, 1959 (NMR 66: 1959-60, v).
8. Chavez was appointed to the Lujan vacancy by Governor John Burroughs on December 31, 1959 (Roberts, 300), and took office on January 11, 1960 (NMR 66: 1959-60, v).
9. Tackett retired on June 30, 1971 (NMR 82: 1970-71, v).
10. Montoya was appointed to the Tackett vacancy by Governor Bruce King, and took office on June 30, 1971 (NMR 82: 1970-71, v).
11. Sosa retired effective September 30, 1991 (Vol. 111: 89-91, v).
12. Frost was appointed to the Sosa vacancy by Governor Bruce King on November 8, 1991.
13. Frost retired on May 31, 1996 (NMR 121: 1995-96, v).
14. McKinnon was appointed to the Frost vacancy by Governor Gary Johnson on June 7, 1996, and took office on July 15, 1996 (NMR 121: 1995-96, v).
15. Serna took office on December 6, 1996 (NMR 122: 1996-97, v).

SOURCES

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