

**LR1-102. Locations of principal offices.**

A. Composition of the court. The First Judicial District shall consist of ten separate divisions.

[A.]B. Santa Fe County. ~~[Divisions I, II, III, IV, VI, VII, and VIII]~~ Nine of the ten divisions of the First Judicial District shall maintain their principal offices at the county seat of Santa Fe County.

[B.]C. Rio Arriba County. ~~[Division V]~~ One of the ten divisions of the First Judicial District shall maintain its principal office at the county seat of Rio Arriba County.

D. Division designation. Whenever a judicial vacancy occurs in any of the nine divisions which maintain their principal offices at the county seat of Santa Fe County, the chief judge may designate the division with the judicial vacancy to be reassigned as the division that maintains its principal office at the county seat of Rio Arriba County, provided that the judge of the division sitting in Rio Arriba County at the time of said judicial vacancy has served for at least six (6) years as judge of the division sitting in Rio Arriba County. The qualifying Rio Arriba County judge shall be reassigned to Santa Fe County.

E. Chief judge assignment of cases. This local rule shall not interfere with the ability of the chief judge to assign cases among divisions.

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