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## NM Family Court Judge Recognized for Outstanding Contribution to Child Support Enforcement

*2010 Excellence Awards Presented at Western Interstate Child Support Council Conference in Santa Fe in November*

SANTA FE – The Western Interstate Child Support Council (WICSEC) has chosen Bernalillo County District Court Judge Deborah Davis Walker as this year’s recipient of its *Outstanding Contribution to Child Support Enforcement-Host State Award*. The Human Services Department’s Child Support Enforcement Division nominated Judge Walker to receive this prestigious award.

“Judge Walker has a sincere interest in the welfare of children and she has dedicated her professional career to improving the lives of the children of this State,” said Stephen Klump, Acting CSED Director. “Her relentless work in the area of domestic relations includes not only presiding on the cases assigned to her, but also in serving on numerous statewide committees and commissions that analyze family law issues in New Mexico and lobbying the state legislature to improve the legal framework for families. Her efforts have been instrumental in helping us succeed at the Child Support Enforcement Division, as she has always supported the use of innovative approaches that have resulted in improvements for both our staff and child support customers.”

Judge Walker will be honored during a banquet of the WICSEC 2010 Conference, which will be held in Santa Fe on November 7 – 10, 2010.

The Outstanding Host State Award is given to experienced individuals who serve or impact the child support profession in the public and private sector who, regardless of membership in WICSEC, have made significant contributions to the child support enforcement program.

Judge Walker has served as 2<sup>nd</sup> Judicial District Court Family Court Judge in Bernalillo County since 1997. Prior to that, she served as a Family Court Hearing Officer. She was nominated by the NM CSED for her positive impact to the child support program. For example, Judge Walker was instrumental in the implementation of the “In-House hearings” utilized by the two Albuquerque CSED offices. “In-House hearings” are held on-site at the CSED Albuquerque offices and have proven to increase the number of child support orders and to better meet the needs of our customers by allowing a large volume of cases to be handled in a far, more timely manner than relying solely on hearing dates at the Bernalillo County Courthouse.

Details and registration information about the WICSIC conference can be found at

<http://www.hsd.state.nm.us/csed/wicsec.html>

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