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New Mexican Becomes President of National Administrative Rules Organization

John H. Martinez Elected to Represent Administrative Regulatory Professionals as 2010-2012 President

Washington, DC – The Administrative Codes and Registers (ACR) Section of the National Association of Secretaries of State today announced the election of John H. Martinez as president and head of its slate of national officers. Martinez serves as director of the Administrative Law Division of the New Mexico Commission of Public Records – State Records Center and Archives. He will serve a two-year term as leader of the national organization, which includes state and federal administrative regulatory professionals from the fifty U.S. states, as well as the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, American Samoa, Guam and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

Martinez was elected along with other ACR officers on July 19, during a meeting of the National Association of Secretaries of State in Providence, Rhode Island. As president of ACR, he will work with his colleagues during the next two years to direct the organization's activities, including annual conferences and a biennial survey of state rulemaking processes.

Administrative Codes and Registers (ACR) was organized more than 30 years ago in St. Louis, Missouri. Its objectives include fostering the development of better rule-writing skills and rule review techniques; developing more effective management of the rule promulgation process, particularly in the publication of administrative codes and registers; and increasing public access to and involvement in the rulemaking process. Some members also oversee the production of "blue books," which are the official government directory and fact book for each state.

Martinez joined ACR in 2001 and has been an active member, serving in various leadership positions during the past six years. He served as a regional representative to the ACR executive committee from 2004 to 2006, secretary-treasurer from 2006 to 2008, vice president from 2008 to 2010, and in 2004, he served as program chairperson for the organization's summer conference in New Orleans, Louisiana.

Since 2001, Martinez has been involved in the development and production of the *New Mexico Register*, the official publication for all notices of rulemaking and filings of adopted, proposed and emergency rules in the state. He has also been responsible for the development and compilation of New Mexico's online administrative code of rules.

More information about ACR is available on the Internet at www.administrativerules.org.

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