Honorable Manuel I. Arrieta
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Biography:

The Hon. Manuel I. Arrieta is a state district judge sitting with the Third Judicial District court for the State of New Mexico in Las Cruces, New Mexico. Judge Arrieta was appointed by Governor Bill Richardson on January 16, 2009. Prior to his appointment, Judge Arrieta practiced for 25 years in the area of civil litigation in southern New Mexico.

Judge Arrieta is a graduate of New Mexico State University where he received an Associate Degree in Radiologic Technology and a Bachelors in Business Administration degree in 1981. Judge Arrieta is a graduate of the University of Michigan School of Law where he received his law degree in 1984. He served as a law clerk at the Court of Appeals for the State of New Mexico (1984-1985).

Judge Arrieta currently presides over a civil docket for the Third Judicial District. Since 2011, Judge Arrieta has also been presiding as the Water Law Judge for the district which encompasses Lower Rio Grande. The Lower Rio Grande district is the busiest district in the State for water law litigation. In addition to assisting in the training judges for their roles as Water Law Judges in the State, Judge Arrieta has had published, "Solving the Puzzle: The Water Court Structure and Process of Water Administration in New Mexico" (University of Denver Water Law Review, Vol. 25, Fall 2021 issue) and "Climate Change: The Future is Now" (UNM Natural Resources Journal, Vol. 63, No. 1, Winter 2023 issue).

In September 2022, Judge Arrieta completed the Environmental Law Institute's Climate Judiciary Project which launched the first ever "Judicial

Leaders in Climate Science" (JLCS) program to build capacity in state judiciaries to respond to the challenge of climate change. The program was conducted through the National Center for State Courts.

The JLCS program was a year-long curriculum of judicial leadership skills training integrated with climate science topics generally relevant to climate-related cases for a select group of U.S. judges. Judge Arrieta was one 22 state judges who completed the JLCS program.

Judge Arrieta has been also been a participant in the Los Alamos Judicial Science School (2016), with a focus on training judges in scientific method and evidence.

Education and Degrees:

High School:	Las Cruces High School 1973-1976
College:	New Mexico State Univ. 1976-1981; Assoc. degree in Radiologic Technology (1978) and Bachelors in Business Administration with minor in Economics (1981)
Law School:	The University of Michigan School of Law (1984); Juris Doctorate

Water Law/Climate Change Presentations:

Participant in "Los Alamos Judicial Science School", with a focus on training judges in scientific method and evidence, Los Alamos, NM, April 4-7, 2016.

Speaker, Jurisdiction and Beneficial Use: "Water Courts v. Adjudication Courts in NM", New Mexico Water Judges Seminar, Albuquerque, NM, November 3, 2017.

Graduate, "Judicial Leaders in Climate Science" program, through Climate Judiciary Project, Environmental Law Institute and National Judicial College, curriculum completed September 14, 2022.

Speaker, "Climate Litigation: The Future is Now", -- University of New Mexico Law School, faculty and student presentation, Albuquerque, NM, October 26, 2022.

Panelist, "Judging in a Changing Climate: Lessons from Water Courts", webinar sponsored by Environmental Law Institute, December 6, 2022.

Attendee: "Impact of Climate Change in Puerto Rico: new frontier in judicial action", Judicial Authority of Puerto Rico, (March 10, 2023).

Attendee: "Rising Seas and Litigation: What Judges Need to Know about Warming-Driven Sea-Level Rise", National Judicial College virtual seminar, (April 4, 2023).

Related Publications:

"Solving the Puzzle: The Water Court Structure and Process of Water Administration in New Mexico": University of Denver Water Law Review, (Vol. 25, Fall 2021 issue).

Essay, "Climate Litigation: The Future is Now": University of New Mexico, Journal of Natural Resources, Vol. 63, No. 1 (Winter 2023).