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**Growth Spurs Change in Leadership at New Mexico Environmental Law Center**

**Santa Fe** – The New Mexico Environmental Law Center is announcing that it is undergoing some important leadership changes. Douglas Meiklejohn is stepping down as Executive Director and longtime Staff Attorney Eric Jantz has been named Interim Executive Director. Mr. Meiklejohn will continue to work at the Law Center as Founding Director.

Mr. Meiklejohn started the Law Center in the fall of 1987 as the sole, part time volunteer attorney. The Law Center now has a staff of eleven, including five full-time attorneys. In the past two years, the Law Center added a full-time attorney and a paralegal. This year, thanks to the great generosity of one of our foundation partners, we will grow our capacity with an additional attorney and a community organizer.

The recent and projected growth in the Law Center’s staff has led to internal discussions about new staff roles and management structures. The Law Center Board of Directors and Mr. Meiklejohn decided that Mr. Meiklejohn’s talents are best used in the position of Founding Director, where Doug will continue community advocacy and to build relationships with Law Center funders and donors.

Eric Jantz, who has worked as a Law Center staff attorney for almost twenty years, agreed to step into the role of Interim Executive Director. Using its established transition plan, the Board is guiding the process for identifying a new permanent Executive Director who will lead the Law Center into its next phase of growth.

With these changes, the Law Center will continue to aggressively pursue its mission of working with low-income communities of color to ensure environmental and social justice.

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