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**Luis Sanchez of Alliance to be Sworn-in as Certified Spanish Court  
Interpreter Friday, August 14**

The Nebraska Supreme Court announces that Mr. Luis Sanchez, Alliance, Nebraska, will be sworn-in as a certified Spanish court interpreter at 4:00 p.m. on Friday, August 14, 2009, in the Box Butte County Courtroom in Alliance, Nebraska. The Honorable Brian Silverman, Judge of the District Court will preside over the swearing-in ceremony. Senator LeRoy Louden will attend and offer remarks to the attendees. The public is invited to attend.

Mr. Sanchez is the 24<sup>th</sup> Spanish court interpreter to be certified through the Nebraska Supreme Court's certification program. The program, which began in 2000, is an ongoing effort of the Nebraska Judicial Branch to raise the level of services offered to all individuals in Nebraska's court system. According to Justice John Gerrard, Supreme Court member of the Nebraska Court Interpreter Advisory Committee, "It is crucial to the overall fairness of the legal system that judicial proceedings are completely and accurately interpreted for non English-speaking participants."

Questions about the Nebraska Supreme Court training and certification program should be directed to Sheryl Connolly at the Office of the State Court Administrator's Office 402-471-3730.

(Sanchez Biography is attached)

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# Mr. Luis Sanchez

## Alliance, Nebraska

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### Personal

Born January 1956 in Colombia, South America

Married to Ana Isabel Duran 1981

Three children :

Alejandro, age 25 – Medical student at Harvard University in Boston

Ana Lucia, age 24 – Psychologist pursuing a Master's degree at Florida International University.

Sophia Isabelle, age 10 – Entering middle school in Alliance

### Education

1962 – 1964 Red Cedar Elementary – East Lansing, Michigan

1964 – 1967 Colegio Agustiniano – Palmira, Colombia

1967 – 1969 Kapiolani Elementary – Honolulu, Hawaii

1969 – 1971 Central Intermediate High – Honolulu, Hawaii

1971 – 1974 Colegio Agustiniano – Palmira, Colombia

1974 – 1981 Universidad Nacional de Colombia

Graduated as Agricultural Engineer

2000 – 2001 New England Institute of Technology – West Palm Beach, FL

Associate degree in Computer Science – Visual Basic Programming

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### Work experience

1981 – 1984 Cosmoagro, Colombia – Technical fertilizer sales

1985 – 1989 Miami, FL self employed – Import –Export business

1989 – 1993 Monsanto Colombia – Technical herbicide sales

1994 – 2004 Florida Crystals, West Palm Beach, FL – Environmental coordinator for sugarcane

farming operation

2005 – 2009 Self employed – Tropical Holdings LLC

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### Hobbies

Photography

Scuba diving

Marksmanship