

1                   **IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO**

2   **November 18, 2021**

3                   **NO. 21-8500-027**

4                   **IN THE MATTER OF THE**  
5                   **ESTABLISHMENT OF**  
6                   **THE CHILDREN’S COURT**  
7                   **JUDGES ASSOCIATION**

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10   **ORDER**

11                   WHEREAS, in each judicial district, one or more judges sits as judge of the  
12 Children’s Court under NMSA 1978, § 32A-1-5(A) (1993); and

13                   WHEREAS, a Children’s Court Judges Association, comprised of judges who  
14 preside over Children’s Court cases in each of the judicial districts, will facilitate  
15 communication and collaboration among Children’s Court judges; and

16                   WHEREAS, the Court having considered the foregoing and being sufficiently  
17 advised, Chief Justice Michael E. Vigil, Justice C. Shannon Bacon, Justice David K.  
18 Thomson, Justice Julie J. Vargas, and Justice Briana H. Zamora, concurring;

19                   NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that the Children’s Court Judges  
20 Association is hereby established; and

21                   IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Children’s Court Judges Association  
22 shall select one of its members to serve as Chair of the Association for a two (2)-  
23 year term, with eligibility for reappointment for one (1) subsequent two (2)-year  
24 term; and

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IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Children’s Court Judges Association shall engage in focused discussions, arrange trainings, and work as a body to propose changes or provide recommendations and input regarding the Children’s Court to this Court, district courts, and Supreme Court Committees or Commissions.

IT IS SO ORDERED.



WITNESS, the Honorable Michael E. Vigil, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the State of New Mexico, and the seal of said Court this 18th day of November, 2021.

  
Jennifer L. Scott, Chief Clerk of the Supreme Court  
of the State of New Mexico