

1 of 1990, 42 U.S.C. § 12101, et seq., (2) have limited English proficiency under Title
2 VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, 42 U.S.C. § 2000, et seq., or (3) have low literacy
3 or otherwise cannot read or complete court forms; and

4 WHEREAS, in light of the foregoing, and the Court having considered the
5 positive community impact of the scribing program and being otherwise sufficiently
6 advised, Chief Justice C. Shannon Bacon, Justice Michael E. Vigil, Justice David K.
7 Thomson, Justice Julie J. Vargas, and Justice Briana H. Zamora concurring;

8 NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that the recommendation is
9 APPROVED, and the program shall be implemented in any magistrate,
10 metropolitan, or district court opting to participate;

11 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, effective immediately, the Office of the
12 Statewide ADA Title II Coordinator of the New Mexico Administrative Office of
13 the Courts, in coordination with participating courts, may implement the program to
14 train and permit court staff to read and fill in the blanks of court forms in the litigants'
15 exact words on behalf of eligible self-represented litigants;

16 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that eligible self-represented litigants include:
17 (1) individuals who cannot read a printed or electronic document in English, (2)
18 individuals who cannot write because of a disability, or (3) individuals with low
19 literacy, low computer literacy, or limited English proficiency;

1 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that for the purposes of this program only, Rule
2 23-113(C)(3) NMRA shall be suspended to the extent necessary to reasonably
3 accommodate an eligible self-represented litigant in filing out court forms;

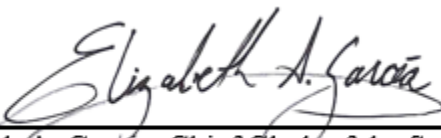
4 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the expansion and implementation of the
5 scribing program shall proceed in accordance with procedures and court staff
6 training as recommended by the Office of the Statewide ADA Title II Coordinator
7 of the New Mexico Administrative Office of the Courts;

8 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that courts may choose to participate in the
9 scribing program by notifying and coordinating with the Office of the Statewide
10 ADA Title II Coordinator of the New Mexico Administrative Office of the Courts.

11 IT IS SO ORDERED.



WITNESS, the Honorable C. Shannon Bacon, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the State of New Mexico, and the seal of said Court this 9th day of November, 2022.


Elizabeth A. Garcia, Chief Clerk of the Supreme Court
of the State of New Mexico