



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

2   **January 12, 2024**

3   **NO. S-1-AO-2024-00002**

4   **IN THE MATTER OF DOMESTIC**  
5   **VIOLENCE PROCEEDINGS BEFORE**  
6   **THE COURTS OF THE STATE OF**  
7   **NEW MEXICO**

8   **ORDER**

9           WHEREAS, the Court finding it necessary to ensure the safety and security  
10 of judges, court staff, attorneys, litigants, and other members of the public to  
11 implement safety protocols for domestic violence proceedings before the courts of  
12 the State of New Mexico; and

13           WHEREAS, the Court being desirous of the provision of timely and safe  
14 domestic violence proceedings and adjudications, and being otherwise sufficiently  
15 advised, Chief Justice C. Shannon Bacon, Justice Michael E. Vigil, Justice David  
16 Thomson, Justice Julie Vargas, and Justice Briana H. Zamora concurring;

17           NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that any and all domestic violence  
18 proceedings before the courts of the State of New Mexico shall be held remotely, if  
19 possible;

20           IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that in the event a domestic violence proceeding  
21 is held in person, the court shall ensure that the alleged victim departs the courthouse

1 wherein said domestic violence proceeding is held no less than twenty (20) minutes  
2 before the alleged assailant departs the courthouse; and

3 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that these protocols shall apply to all courts in  
4 the State of New Mexico effective immediately and shall remain in effect until  
5 further order of the Court.

6 IT IS SO ORDERED.



7 WITNESS, the Honorable C. Shannon Bacon, Chief  
8 Justice of the Supreme Court of the State of New Mexico,  
9 and the seal of said Court this 12th day of January, 2024.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Elizabeth A. Garcia".

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

I CERTIFY AND ATTEST:  
A true copy was served on all parties  
or their counsel of record on date filed.  
Elizabeth A. Garcia  
Chief Clerk of the Supreme Court  
of the State of New Mexico