

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

2 **September 11, 2023**

3 **NO. S-1-AO-2023-00019**

4 **IN THE MATTER OF LEVEL THREE**
5 **CERTIFIED SECURITY OFFICERS**
6 **AT THE NEW MEXICO SUPREME COURT**
7 **BUILDING**

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9 **ORDER**

10 WHEREAS, this matter came on for consideration upon the Court’s own
11 motion to have level three security officers at the New Mexico Supreme Court
12 Building to provide a safe and secure environment;

13 WHEREAS, the Court is committed to ensuring the safety of all employees,
14 court personnel, and the public, and seeks to provide the highest level of protection
15 for the Supreme Court Building;

16 WHEREAS, the Court recognizes utilization of level three security officers is
17 a nationally recognized best court security practice for state supreme courts and a
18 necessary security improvement for the Supreme Court Building;

19 WHEREAS, the Court recognizes a shortage of security personnel at the New
20 Mexico Supreme Court Building, and the Court having considered the foregoing and
21 being sufficiently advised, Chief Justice C. Shannon Bacon, Justice Michael E.

1 Vigil, Justice David K. Thomson, Justice Julie J. Vargas, and Justice Briana H.
2 Zamora concurring;

3 NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that security officers who contract
4 with the Court must have level three licensure certifications in accordance with
5 16.48.21 NMAC;

6 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that all persons, other than an on-duty
7 uniformed law enforcement officer designated by the Court or a level three certified
8 security officer designated by the Court, are prohibited from carrying a firearm in
9 the Supreme Court Building; and

10 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the provisions of this order are effective
11 immediately.

12 IT 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 11th day of September, 2023.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Elizabeth A. Garcia".

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

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