



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

2 **April 9, 2024**

3 **NO. S-1-AO-2024-00016**

4 **IN THE MATTER OF THE USE OF**
5 **PERSONAL PRONOUNS AND**
6 **DESIGNATED SALUTATIONS IN COURT**
7 **PLEADINGS**

8 **ORDER**

9 WHEREAS, this matter came on for consideration upon recommendation of
10 the Commission on Equity and Justice to allow parties and attorneys to identify their
11 personal pronouns and designated salutations in court pleadings to ensure that all
12 litigants are treated with dignity, respect, and equality under the law; and

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

17 NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that the recommendation is
18 APPROVED, and parties and attorneys may identify their personal pronouns and
19 designated salutations in court pleadings;

20 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that parties and attorneys may include Ms./Mrs.,
21 Mr., or Mx. as a preferred form of address and one of the following personal

1 pronouns in the name section of the caption of pleadings: he/him/his, she/her/hers,
2 or they/them/theirs;

3 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that courts must use the individual’s name, the
4 designated salutation or personal pronouns, or other respectful means that are not
5 inconsistent with the individual’s designated salutation or personal pronouns when
6 addressing, referring to, or identifying the party or attorney, either orally or in
7 writing;

8 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this order shall supersede any of this
9 Court’s rules of practice and procedure that prevent the use of personal pronouns
10 and designated salutations in court pleadings; and

11 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the provisions of this order shall apply to
12 all courts in the State of New Mexico effective immediately.

13 IT IS SO ORDERED.



14 WITNESS, the Honorable C. Shannon Bacon, Chief
15 Justice of the Supreme Court of the State of New Mexico,
16 and the seal of said Court this 9th day of April, 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