

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

2 **May 20, 2024**

3 **NO. S-1-AO-2024-00023**

4 **IN THE MATTER OF AN EXPLORATORY**
5 **PILOT PROJECT FOR ELECTRONIC**
6 **FILING IN CRIMINAL CASES IN THE**
7 **MAGISTRATE COURTS OF THE FIFTH**
8 **AND NINTH JUDICIAL DISTRICTS**

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10 **ORDER**

11 WHEREAS, this matter came on for consideration by the Court upon the
12 request of the Fifth and Ninth Judicial Districts for the implementation of an
13 exploratory pilot program for e-filing in criminal cases in the magistrate courts in
14 those districts; and

15 WHEREAS, the Court being desirous of increasing efficiency and accuracy
16 in the processing of criminal cases in New Mexico's magistrate courts to improve
17 judicial economy and ensure the timely administration of justice, and the Court
18 having considered the foregoing and being sufficiently advised, Chief Justice David
19 K. Thomson, Justice Michael E. Vigil, Justice C. Shannon Bacon, Justice Julie J.
20 Vargas, and Justice Briana H. Zamora concurring;

21 NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that the request for the
22 implementation of an exploratory pilot program for e-filing in criminal cases in the
23 magistrate courts in the Fifth and Ninth Judicial Districts is GRANTED;

1 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the CEOs, court managers, and court clerks
2 of the Fifth and Ninth Judicial District Courts shall, in coordination and consultation
3 with the Judicial Information Division (JID), develop and implement such a program
4 consistent with Rule 6-211 NMRA and all other applicable laws and Supreme Court
5 rules, including any local rules for each pilot court; and

6 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, prior to implementation of any such e-
7 filing program, the Fifth and Ninth Judicial District Courts shall submit a written
8 project plan to this Court for approval and shall submit an interim written report to
9 the Court six (6) months after implementation of the pilot program that includes an
10 assessment of the effectiveness of the e-filing pilot program and any
11 recommendations for its continued use and potential use in other New Mexico
12 magistrate courts.

13 IT IS SO ORDERED.



WITNESS, the Honorable David K. Thomson, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the State of New Mexico, and the seal of said Court this 20th day of May, 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