

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

2 **August 23, 2024**

3 **NO. S-1-AO-2024-00030**

4 **IN THE MATTER OF THE AMENDMENT**
5 **OF FORMS 4-602B, 4-602C, 9-513B, AND 9-**
6 **513C NMRA FOR THE USE OF**
7 **PERSONAL PRONOUNS AND**
8 **DESIGNATED SALUTATIONS**

9 **ORDER**

10 WHEREAS, this matter came on for consideration upon recommendation of
11 the New Mexico Supreme Court Commission on Equity and Justice to amend the
12 juror questionnaire forms, Forms 4-602C and 9-513C NMRA, to allow jurors to
13 identify their personal pronouns to ensure that all citizens will be treated with
14 dignity, respect, and equality under the law;

15 WHEREAS, the amendment of Forms 4-602B, 4-602C, 9-513B, and 9-513C
16 NMRA has been APPROVED by concurrently issued Supreme Court Order No. S-
17 1-RCR-2024-00063, and jurors may include their personal pronouns and designated
18 salutations in the juror questionnaire and juror qualification forms;

19 WHEREAS, the amendments allow jurors to include Ms./Mrs., Mr., or Mx.
20 as a preferred form of address and one of the following personal pronouns in the
21 appropriate sections of Forms 4-602B, 4-602C, 9-513B, and 9-513C: he/him/his,
22 she/her/hers, or they/them/theirs; and

1 WHEREAS, the Court having considered the recommendation and
2 amendments and being sufficiently advised, Chief Justice David K. Thomson,
3 Justice Michael E. Vigil, Justice C. Shannon Bacon, Justice Julie J. Vargas, and
4 Justice Briana H. Zamora concurring;

5 NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that courts and attorneys must use
6 the individual's name, the designated salutation or personal pronouns, or other
7 respectful means that are not inconsistent with the individual's designated salutation
8 or personal pronouns when addressing, referring to, or identifying the juror, either
9 orally or in writing;

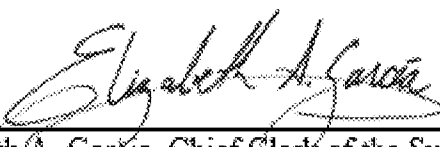
10 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this order shall supersede any of the
11 judiciary's rules of practice and procedure that prevent the use of personal pronouns
12 and designated salutations in the juror questionnaire and qualification forms; and


13 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the provisions of this order shall apply to
14 all courts in the State of New Mexico effective October 7, 2024.

15 IT IS SO ORDERED.



16 WITNESS, the Honorable David K. Thomson, Chief
17 Justice of the Supreme Court of the State of New Mexico,
18 and the seal of said Court this 23rd day of August, 2024.


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.

Chief Clerk of the Supreme Court
of the State of New Mexico