

1 **3-101. Scope and title.**

2 A. **Scope.** These rules shall govern the procedure in civil actions in all metropolitan
3 courts. These rules shall be subject to the provisions of Rule 23-114 NMRA, the rule governing
4 free process for civil cases.

5 B. **Construction.** These rules shall be liberally construed to secure the just, speedy
6 and inexpensive determination of every metropolitan court civil action. They shall not be construed
7 to extend or limit the jurisdiction of any court, or to abridge, enlarge or modify the substantive
8 rights of any litigant.

9 C. **Title.** These rules shall be known as the Rules of Civil Procedure for the
10 Metropolitan Courts.

11 D. **Citation form.** These rules shall be cited by set and rule numbers in accordance
12 with Rule 23-112 NMRA, as in [~~NMRA,~~]Rule 3-____ NMRA.
13 [As amended, effective January 1, 1987; as amended by Supreme Court Order No. 07-8300-038,
14 effective February 25, 2008; as amended by Supreme Court Order No. S-1-RCR-2024-00109,
15 effective December 31, 2024.]