

1 WHEREAS, the Court recognizes that the use of level three security officers,
2 including the appellate security manager, is a nationally recognized best practice for
3 state supreme courts and a critical security enhancement for the Supreme Court
4 Building; and

5 WHEREAS, the Court having considered the foregoing and being sufficiently
6 advised, Chief Justice David K. Thomson, Justice Michael E. Vigil, Justice C.
7 Shannon Bacon, Justice Julie J. Vargas, and Justice Briana H. Zamora concurring;

8 NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that the appellate security manager
9 must have level three licensure certifications as set forth in 16.48.2.19 NMAC;

10 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that in addition to other responsibilities, the
11 appellate security manager shall provide off-site security to the Justices when
12 designated;

13 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the appellate security manager is permitted
14 to carry a firearm in the Supreme Court Building and on the grounds in accordance
15 with Supreme Court policies and as permitted for designated on-duty law
16 enforcement officers and designated level three certified security officers by Order
17 No. S-1-AO-2023-00019; and

18 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the provisions of this order are effective

1 immediately;

2 IT IS SO ORDERED.

3 WITNESS, the Honorable David K. Thomson, Chief
4 Justice of the Supreme Court of the State of New Mexico,
5 and the seal of said Court this 19th day of August, 2025.




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