



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

2   **February 16, 2026**

3 **NO. S-1-AO-2026-00004**

4 **IN THE MATTER OF SETTING**  
5 **REQUIREMENTS FOR CLERKSHIP**  
6 **APPLICATIONS TO THE NEW MEXICO**  
7 **SUPREME COURT AND THE NEW**  
8 **MEXICO COURT OF APPEALS FOR**  
9 **CLERKSHIPS BEGINNING IN 2027**

10   **ORDER**

11           WHEREAS, this matter came before the Court on its own motion to set forth  
12 requirements for all clerkship applications to the New Mexico Supreme Court and  
13 the New Mexico Court of Appeals to provide applicants clear and consistent  
14 guidelines for the timing and content of clerkship applications;

15           WHEREAS, providing clear and consistent guidelines for clerkship  
16 applications for both the Supreme Court and the Court of Appeals will increase the  
17 accessibility of New Mexico’s clerkship opportunities by providing notice to  
18 applicants and streamlining the clerkship application process;

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

1 NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that all New Mexico clerkship  
2 positions for 2026, including any chambers-specific requirements, shall be posted  
3 on the National Center for State Courts' Court Opportunity Recruitment for All  
4 (CORA) portal, available at [https://www.ncsc.org/consulting-and-research/areas-of-](https://www.ncsc.org/consulting-and-research/areas-of-expertise/racial-justice/resources/workforce/cora)  
5 [expertise/racial-justice/resources/workforce/cora](https://www.ncsc.org/consulting-and-research/areas-of-expertise/racial-justice/resources/workforce/cora), and any other source for  
6 recruitment identified by the judge or justice;

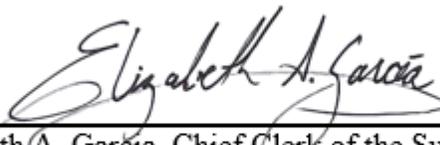
7 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that applicants shall submit their resume, cover  
8 letter, transcript, writing sample, three letters of recommendation, and any additional  
9 chambers-specific material via the CORA portal, and any other source for  
10 recruitment identified by the judge or justice; and

11 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that completed applications for all clerkship  
12 positions at the Supreme Court and the Court of Appeals shall be accepted beginning  
13 **February 15 of each year.**

14 IT IS SO ORDERED.



15 WITNESS, the Honorable David K. Thomson, Chief  
16 Justice of the Supreme Court of the State of New Mexico,  
17 and the seal of said Court this 16th day of February, 2026.

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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