

1 WHEREAS, the Access to Justice (ATJ) Fund Grant Commission is a
2 commission of the State Bar of New Mexico and is the financial steward of the New
3 Mexico Supreme Court Fund for Access to Justice (ATJ Fund);

4 WHEREAS, the ATJ Fund Grant Commission reviews grant applications and
5 awards grants from the ATJ Fund to non-profit organizations that provide civil legal
6 services to low-income New Mexicans;

7 WHEREAS, the Disciplinary Board and State Bar of New Mexico desire to
8 establish and fund an Office of Succession Planning to assist with the administration
9 and effectuation of mandatory succession plans under Rule 16-119;

10 WHEREAS, the Disciplinary Board and State Bar of New Mexico desire to
11 help fund the ATJ Fund so that it may continue to assist low-income New Mexicans
12 obtain competent legal representation;

13 WHEREAS, this matter came on for consideration upon recommendation of
14 the Disciplinary Board to approve the distribution and diversion of \$800,000 from
15 the Disciplinary Board to the State Bar of New Mexico to assist in the establishment
16 of an Office of Succession Planning and to fund the ATJ Fund for civil legal services;

17 WHEREAS, in light of the foregoing, and the Court having considered the
18 recommendation and being sufficiently advised, Chief Justice David K. Thomson,

1 Justice Michael E. Vigil, Justice C. Shannon Bacon, Justice Julie J. Vargas, and
2 Justice Briana H. Zamora concurring;

3 NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that the recommendation is
4 APPROVED and the Disciplinary Board is authorized to and shall transfer \$800,000
5 to the State Bar of New Mexico as a one-time transfer to establish an Office of
6 Succession Planning and to help fund the ATJ Fund;

7 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the State Bar of New Mexico shall use the
8 funds first to establish an Office of Succession Planning, and then deposit the
9 remaining funds into the ATJ Fund for civil legal services; and

10 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Disciplinary Board shall retain fiscal
11 oversight of the funds transferred to ensure the use of the funds for their intended
12 purposes and compliance with all applicable financial accounting and audit
13 requirements.

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 20th day of February, 2026.

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