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Dear Colleagues:

The Supreme Court of New Mexico is again seeking applications to fill vacancies on committees, boards, and commissions. Our committees, boards, and commissions are integral to ensuring equity and justice for those who participate in our judicial system—members of the public and the broader legal community—by assisting the Court with the regulation of the practice and procedures within our courts. These panels have a wide range of responsibilities and functions. They regulate the practice of law, expand resources for civil legal assistance to New Mexicans living in poverty, oversee continuing legal education for lawyers, foster improved communication between tribal, federal, and state courts to improve legal services to tribal communities, administer funds to assist individuals unable to pay for legal services, and advise on long-range planning, just to name a few. Anyone who has ever served on one of the Court's committees, boards, or commissions can attest to how challenging and rewarding this work can be.

In filling these vacancies, the Court strives to appoint non-attorneys, attorneys and judges who are able to regularly attend committee meetings and who are committed to generously volunteering their time, talent, and energy to this important work. The Court also continues to endeavor to bring diversity, geographical and practice area balance to these committees, boards, and commissions by soliciting volunteers from throughout the state and from the various practice segments of our bar. To achieve these goals, we need volunteers representing the broad spectrum of our bench and bar who come from all corners of this great state. To that end, we are requesting that applicants voluntarily disclose demographic information to ensure the committees, boards and commissions reflect our diverse community. We are also requesting disclosure of any disciplinary history.

If you would like to be considered to serve on a committee, board, or commission, please send your application and resume by **September 28, 2026**, to Elizabeth A. Garcia, Chief Clerk of Court at nmsupremecourtclerk@nmcourts.gov. Your application should describe your qualifications, your commitment to attend meetings, and should prioritize up to three committees, boards, or commissions of your interest. Application forms and a complete list of vacancies on committees, boards, and commissions can be found on the [Supreme Court's website](#).

On behalf of the Supreme Court, I extend our sincere appreciation to all of you who volunteer and serve in this important function within our legal system.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Julie J. Vargas".

Julie J. Vargas,
Chief Justice