8-601. Conduct of trials.

A. **Continuances.** Continuances shall be granted for good cause shown at any stage of the proceedings.

B. **Evidence.** Evidence shall be admitted in accordance with the [~~New Mexico~~] Rules of Evidence. The trial shall be conducted expeditiously, but each party shall be permitted to present the position of that party amply and fairly.

C. **Oath of witnesses.** The municipal court shall administer an oath or affirmation to each witness substantially in the following form: "Do you [~~solemnly~~] swear or affirm that the testimony you will give [~~is~~] in this case will be the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, under penalty of [~~perjury~~] law?"

[As amended, effective September 2, 1997; as amended by Supreme Court Order No. 05-8300-005, effective March 21, 2005; as amended by Supreme Court Order No. 16-8300-021, effective for all cases pending or filed on or after December 31, 2016; as amended by Supreme Court Order No. S-1-RCR-2025-151, effective for all cases pending or filed on or after December 31, 2026.]