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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO

October 30, 2026

NO. S-1-RCR-2026-00200

IN THE MATTER OF CRIMINAL COMPETENCY RULES

ORDER

WHEREAS, on September 30, 2025, the Supreme Court provisionally approved amendments to Rule 5-602.1 NMRA, Rule 5-602.2 NMRA, and Rule 5-602.3 NMRA of the Rules of Criminal Procedure for the District Courts, Rule 6-507.1 NMRA of the Rules of Criminal Procedure for the Magistrate Courts, Rule 7-506 NMRA of the Rules of Criminal Procedure for the Metropolitan Courts, Rule 8-507.1 NMRA of the Rules of Procedure for the Municipal Courts, and Form 9-514 NMRA of the Criminal Forms; and suspended Rule 7-507.1 NMRA of the Rules of Criminal Procedure for the Metropolitan Courts;

WHEREAS, on October 6, 2025, the Court provisionally approved amendments to Form 9-514 NMRA, and reinstated and provisionally approved amendments to Rule 7-507.1 NMRA;

WHEREAS, on July 20, 2026, the Court established the Ad Hoc Committee on Rules for Criminal Competency Proceedings ("Committee") to review the provisional rules and form and the public comments thereto and to make

recommendations about adopting final rules and forms to the Court for criminal competency proceedings;

WHEREAS, the Committee recommends final amendments to Rule 5-602.1 NMRA, Rule 5-602.2 NMRA, Rule 5-602.3 NMRA, Rule 6-507.1 NMRA, Rule 7-506 NMRA, Rule 7-507.1 NMRA, and Rule 8-507.1 NMRA, and Form 9-514 NMRA;

WHEREAS, the Committee recommends amendments to Rule 6-506 NMRA of the Rules of Criminal Procedure for the Magistrate Courts and Rule 8-506 NMRA of the Municipal Court Rules; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that the amendments to Rule 5-602.1 NMRA, Rule 5-602.2 NMRA, Rule 5-602.3 NMRA, Rule 6-507.1 NMRA, Rule 7-506 NMRA, Rule 7-507.1 NMRA, and Rule 8-507.1 NMRA, and Form 9-514 NMRA are APPROVED;

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the amendments to Rule 6-506 NMRA and Rule 8-506 NMRA are APPROVED;

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the above-referenced amendments shall be **effective December 31, 2026**; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Clerk of the Court is authorized and directed to provide notice of the above-referenced amendments on the Supreme Court's public website and in the *Bar Bulletin* and to publish the amendments in the *New Mexico Rules Annotated*.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

WITNESS, the Honorable Julie J. Vargas, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the State of New Mexico, and the seal of said Court this 30th day of October, 2026.

Elizabeth A. García, Chief Clerk of the Supreme Court
of the State of New Mexico