

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

2 **January 19, 2021**

3 **NO. 21-8300-002**

4 **IN THE MATTER OF THE AMENDMENT OF**
5 **RULE 2-205 NMRA OF THE RULES OF CIVIL**
6 **PROCEDURE FOR THE MAGISTRATE**
7 **COURTS AND RULE 3-205 NMRA OF THE**
8 **RULES OF CIVIL PROCEDURE FOR THE**
9 **METROPOLITAN COURTS**

10 **ORDER**

11 WHEREAS, this matter came on for consideration upon recommendation of the
12 Judicial Information Systems Council’s Online Access Subcommittee to amend Rule 2-
13 205 NMRA of the Rules of Civil Procedure for the Magistrate Courts and Rule 3-205
14 NMRA of the Rules of Civil Procedure for the Metropolitan Courts, and the Court having
15 considered the recommendation and being sufficiently advised, Chief Justice Michael E.
16 Vigil, Justice Barbara J. Vigil, Justice C. Shannon Bacon, and Justice David K. Thomson
17 concurring;

18 NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that the amendment of Rules 2-205 and 3-
19 205 NMRA is APPROVED;

20 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the electronic filing system in the Magistrate
21 Courts shall be implemented in three phases as follows:

22 **PHASE ONE:** Magistrate Courts in the Fifth Judicial District (Chaves, Eddy, and
23 Lea Counties), the Ninth Judicial District (Curry and Roosevelt Counties), the Tenth

1 Judicial District (De Baca, Harding, and Quay Counties), the Eleventh Judicial District
2 (McKinley and San Juan Counties), and the Twelfth Judicial District (Lincoln and Otero
3 Counties), are scheduled for phase one rollout on January 19, 2021;

4 **PHASE TWO:** Magistrate Courts in the First Judicial District (Los Alamos, Rio
5 Arriba, and Santa Fe Counties), the Third Judicial District (Doña Ana County), the Sixth
6 Judicial District (Grant, Hidalgo, and Union Counties), and the Thirteenth Judicial District
7 (Cibola, Sandoval, and Valencia Counties), are scheduled for phase two rollout on April
8 23, 2021;

9 **PHASE THREE:** Magistrate Courts in the Fourth Judicial District (Guadalupe,
10 Mora, and San Miguel Counties), the Seventh Judicial District (Catron, Sierra, Socorro,
11 and Torrance Counties), and the Eighth Judicial District (Colfax, Taos, and Union
12 Counties), are scheduled for phase three rollout on July 26, 2021;

13 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that electronic filing will be authorized but voluntary
14 in the Magistrate Courts selected for each phase;

15 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that attorneys may register for and begin using the
16 electronic filing system on a voluntary basis in the Magistrate Courts scheduled for phase
17 one rollout **effective January 19, 2021;**

18 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that attorneys may register for and begin using the
19 electronic filing system on a voluntary basis in the Magistrate Courts scheduled for phase
20 two rollout **effective April 23, 2021;**

1 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that attorneys may register for and begin using the
2 electronic filing system on a voluntary basis in the Magistrate Courts scheduled for phase
3 three rollout **effective July 26, 2021**;

4 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the amendment of Rule 2-205 NMRA shall be
5 **effective September 9, 2021**, forty-five days after the rollout of the third phase, at which
6 time electronic filing will become mandatory for all Magistrate Courts;

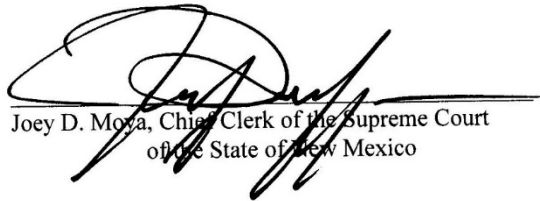
7 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the amendment of Rule 3-205 NMRA shall be
8 **effective March 5, 2021**; and

9 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Clerk of the Court is authorized and directed
10 to give notice of the above-referenced amendments by publishing them in the *Bar Bulletin*
11 and *New Mexico Rules Annotated*.

12 IT IS SO ORDERED.



WITNESS, the Honorable Michael E. Vigil, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the State of New Mexico, and the seal of said Court this 19th day of January, 2021.


Joey D. Moya, Chief Clerk of the Supreme Court
of the State of New Mexico

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