1	IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO
2	July 29, 2022
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4	NO. 22-8500-032
5 6 7 8	IN THE MATTER OF THE CALCULATION OF DEADLINES IN CRIMINAL CASES IN THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT
9	ORDER
10	WHEREAS, in Order No. 22-8300-012, this Court adopted Rule LR8-301
11	NMRA to facilitate case management in the Eighth Judicial District Court, effective
12	September 12, 2022;
13	WHEREAS, this Court ordered in Order No. 22-8500-018 that the calculation
14	of any deadlines under Rules 5-604, 6-506, 7-506, 8-506, and LR2-308 NMRA for
15	all criminal cases pending or filed on or after March 17, 2020, shall not include any
16	period of time-delay caused by the COVID-19 public health emergency but that a
17	judge must enter specific findings of fact demonstrating that the period of delay in
18	those cases was caused by the current public health emergency;
19	WHEREAS, the extension of the time limits of Rule 5-604 NMRA has
20	contributed to a backlog of criminal cases in the Eighth Judicial District Court;

WHEREAS, in the time since the COVID-19 public health emergency first began, the Eighth Judicial District Court has developed and improved methods and procedures to safely and effectively conduct criminal proceedings in accordance with rights and requirements under the New Mexico Constitution and New Mexico law;

WHEREAS, this Court may exercise its equitable powers and the power of superintending control over pleading and practice in the New Mexico Judiciary to implement measures to facilitate the timely resolution of criminal cases;

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

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that the provision for extension of deadlines in criminal cases, prescribed in Order No. 22-8500-018 and all preceding orders of this Court pertaining to the COVID-19 public health emergency, is hereby WITHDRAWN for all track 1 and track 2 criminal cases as defined under LR8-301 NMRA, which are filed in the Eighth Judicial District Court on or after September 12, 2022.

301 NMRA.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that for all track 1 and track 2 criminal cases pending in the Eighth Judicial District Court as of September 12, 2022, the judge shall issue an amended scheduling order and set a new trial date unless the judge determines that the case can reasonably proceed as scheduled under an existing scheduling order.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that given inherent complexities in track 3 cases, the provision of Order No. 22-8500-018 regarding deadlines for trials in criminal cases under Rule 5-604 remains in effect for all track 3 cases.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the suspension of the exercise of peremptory excusals under Rule 5-106 NMRA remains in effect as prescribed in Order No. 22-8500-007.

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IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that under Rule LR8-301(H)(7) NMRA, Eighth

Judicial District Court judges may amend any existing scheduling orders in criminal

cases pending as of September 12, 2022.

IT IS SO ORDERED.



WITNESS, the Honorable C. Shannon Bacon, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the State of New Mexico, and the seal of said Court this 29th day of July, 2022.

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