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1 IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO 2 **November 29, 2023** 3 NO. S-1-AO-2023-00023 4 IN THE MATTER OF ELECTRONIC **DEVICES IN THE SUPREME COURT** 5 6 BUILDING 7 **ORDER** 8 WHEREAS, this matter came on for consideration by the Court upon its own 9 motion to consider the use of electronic devices in the New Mexico Supreme Court 10 Building; 11 WHEREAS, individuals with business at the Court shall conduct themselves 12 in a manner befitting the dignity of the Court; WHEREAS, the Court must ensure that the operations of the Court are 13 14 conducted safely, transparently, without undue interruption or interference, and with 15 no impediment to open public access; 16 WHEREAS, electronic devices present security concerns given that they are 17 capable of performing many of the functions of a computer, have internet access, and can be converted for use as weapons and explosives, which could be operated 18 19 remotely; and WHEREAS, the Court having considered the foregoing, being fully advised, 20

and desiring to ensure the safety and security of the Supreme Court Building; Chief

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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 electronic devices are not permitted in the Supreme Court Building unless specifically authorized by the Clerk of Court, their designee, or this order;

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that for purposes of this order, electronic devices include cellular phones, smartphones, tablets, laptop computers, devices that wirelessly connect to and pair with computers and smartphones to transmit data (for example, smart watches), and audio recorders, still cameras, and video cameras;

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the following persons are authorized to bring their electronic devices into the Supreme Court Building: (1) employees of the New Mexico Supreme Court and New Mexico Court of Appeals; (2) employees of other judicial districts; (3) employees of the Administrative Office of the Courts; (4) employees of District Attorneys' Offices; (5) employees of the Law Offices of the Public Defender; (6) law enforcement office employees (i.e., New Mexico State Police, Sheriffs' officers, City of Santa Fe officers, etc.); (7) attorneys and their staff; (8) authorized vendors; (9) authorized contractors; (10) United States Postal Service employees; and (11) credentialed members of the media;

I CERTIFY AND ATTEST:
A true copy was served on all parties of their counsel of record on date filed.

Elizabeth A. Carcia

Chief Clerk of the Supreme Court of the State of New Mexico

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the only type of electronic device permitted in the Supreme Court courtroom are cellular phones and laptops, and those authorized to bring electronic devices into the Supreme Court Building shall turn off or silence their cell phones when in the Supreme Court courtroom;

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that persons authorized to bring their electronic devices into the Supreme Court Building must be able to identify themselves and the entity they work for by producing their employee-issued badge, bar card, and/or business card to gain entry with their electronic device; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that any failure to abide by the terms of this order by any person authorized to bring their electronic devices into the Supreme Court Building will result in revocation of authorization to bring devices into the building.

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 November, 2023.

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

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