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Supreme Court names chief court clerk and state law librarian

SANTA FE – Elizabeth A. Garcia has assumed the duties of Chief Clerk of the New Mexico Supreme Court and Stephanie Wilson has become the State Law Librarian.

Chief Justice Michael Vigil administered oaths to Ms. Garcia and Ms. Wilson during a ceremony today in the Supreme Court courtroom.

The Chief Clerk's responsibilities range from legal research and writing to overseeing the administrative functions of the Supreme Court, including case management, human resources, budget matters, building security and operations.

The State Law Librarian manages operations of the Supreme Court Law Library, which provides legal information for the public and courts across New Mexico.

Ms. Garcia was general counsel of the Second Judicial District Court since 2016, and served as acting court executive officer from March 2020 to January 2021. She previously worked for the state Department of Workforce Solutions, the New Mexico Judicial Standards Commission, a private law firm in Albuquerque and was an assistant district attorney in the Thirteenth Judicial District. She received a Juris Doctor degree from Washington and Lee University School of Law in 1998, and earned an undergraduate degree from the University of New Mexico.

Ms. Wilson has more than 20 years of library experience and has served as acting State Law Librarian since February 2020. She started in 2001 as a library assistant in the Supreme Court Law Library after working in court, academic, law firm and corporate law libraries as well as in public and community college libraries. She grew up in Florida and earned an undergraduate degree from the University of South Florida. After moving to New Mexico in 2001, she received a master's degree in library science from Texas Woman's University.

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