



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

2 **August 19, 2024**

3 **NO. S-1-AO-2024-00023**

4 **IN THE MATTER OF AN EXPLORATORY**
5 **PILOT PROJECT FOR ELECTRONIC**
6 **FILING IN CRIMINAL CASES IN THE**
7 **MAGISTRATE AND METROPOLITAN**
8 **COURTS**

9 **AMENDED ORDER**

10 WHEREAS this matter came on for consideration by the Court upon the
11 request of the Fifth and Ninth Judicial Districts for the implementation of an
12 exploratory pilot program for e-filing in criminal cases in the magistrate courts in
13 those districts;

14 WHEREAS, the Court concludes that magistrate and metropolitan courts in
15 all judicial districts would benefit from e-filing in criminal cases;

16 WHEREAS, the Court being desirous of increasing efficiency and accuracy
17 in the processing of criminal cases in New Mexico’s magistrate and metropolitan
18 courts to improve judicial economy and ensure the timely administration of justice;
19 and

20 WHEREAS, Supreme Court Order No. S-1-AO-2024-00023 dated May
21 20,2024, permitted an exploratory pilot project for electronic filing in criminal cases
22 in the magistrate courts of the Fifth and Ninth Judicial Districts only, and the Court

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

4 NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that the exploratory pilot program
5 for e-filing in criminal cases in the magistrate courts in the Fifth and Ninth Judicial
6 Districts is hereby extended to all Judicial Districts and extends to e-filing of
7 documents filed subsequent to the initial charging document (hereinafter "e-filing in
8 criminal cases");

9 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the court executive officers, court
10 managers, and court clerks of each Judicial District Court and the Bernalillo County
11 Metropolitan Court shall, in coordination and consultation with the Administrative
12 Office of the Courts, develop and implement a program analogous to Rules 2-205
13 and 3-205 NMRA and consistent with Rules 6-211 and 7-211 NMRA and all other
14 applicable laws and Supreme Court rules, including any local rules for each court;

15 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that e-filing in criminal cases in the magistrate
16 and metropolitan courts shall be made available to all attorneys beginning August
17 23, 2024;

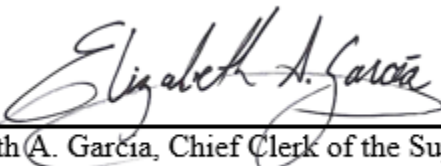
1 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that e-filing in criminal cases in the magistrate
2 and metropolitan courts shall be mandatory for attorneys beginning October 14,
3 2024; and

4 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Rules of Criminal Procedure for State
5 Courts Committee shall consider whether to propose new rules analogous to Rules
6 2-205 and 3-205 NMRA to carry out the terms of this order and whether to
7 recommend the formal adoption of this pilot program under those rules.

8 IT IS SO ORDERED.



WITNESS, the Honorable David K. Thomson, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the State of New Mexico, and the seal of said Court this 19th day of August, 2024.


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

I CERTIFY AND ATTEST:
A true copy was served on all parties
or their counsel of record on date filed.
Elizabeth A. Garcia
Chief Clerk of the Supreme Court
of the State of New Mexico