

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

2                   **March 11, 2025**

3                   **NO. S-1-SC-40766**

4                   **IN THE MATTER OF**  
5                   **THOMAS CLEAR III**

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7                   **An Attorney Disbarred from the**  
8                   **Practice of Law before the Courts**  
9                   **of the State of New Mexico**

10                   **ORDER**

11                   WHEREAS, this matter initially came on for consideration by the Court  
12 upon order to show cause why Respondent should not be subject to discipline and  
13 response thereto;

14                   WHEREAS, on February 7, 2025, this Court held Respondent's application  
15 for inactive status under Rule 24-102.2 NMRA in abeyance, pending resolution of  
16 this Court's order to show cause;

17                   WHEREAS, Respondent was indefinitely suspended from the practice of  
18 law on February 11, 2025;

19                   WHEREAS, this matter now comes before the Court upon order to show  
20 cause why Respondent should not be disbarred for the conduct set forth in the plea  
21 agreement Respondent entered into on February 12, 2025, in cause number 1:25-  
22 cr-00258 in the United states District Court for the District of New Mexico;

23                   WHEREAS, Respondent responded to this Court in writing, as directed, and

1 agreed that he should be disbarred from the practice of law; and

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

6 NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that THOMAS CLEAR III is  
7 PERMANENTLY DISBARRED from the practice of law under Rule 17-  
8 206(A)(1) NMRA, effective immediately;

9 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Respondent shall comply with the  
10 requirements of Rule 17-212 NMRA;

11 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Respondent's disbarment shall be  
12 published in the *Bar Bulletin* in accordance with 17-206(D) NMRA; and

13 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the abeyance as to Respondent's  
14 application for inactive status is hereby LIFTED, and the application is DENIED.

15 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 11th day of March, 2025.

Elizabeth A. Garcia, Clerk of Court  
Supreme Court of New Mexico

By \_\_\_\_\_

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Elizabeth A. Garcia".  
Elizabeth A. Garcia  
Chief Deputy Clerk of Court

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