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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO

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concurring;

2 April 9, 2024 3 NO. S-1-AO-2024-00016 4 IN THE MATTER OF THE USE OF 5 PERSONAL PRONOUNS AND DESIGNATED SALUTATIONS IN COURT 6 7 **PLEADINGS** 8 ORDER 9 WHEREAS, this matter came on for consideration upon recommendation of 10 the Commission on Equity and Justice to allow parties and attorneys to identify their 11 personal pronouns and designated salutations in court pleadings to ensure that all 12 litigants are treated with dignity, respect, and equality under the law; and WHEREAS, the Court having considered the recommendation and being 13 14 sufficiently advised, Chief Justice C. Shannon Bacon, Justice Michael E. Vigil, 15 Justice David K. Thomson, Justice Julie J. Vargas, and Justice Briana H. Zamora

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that the recommendation is APPROVED, and parties and attorneys may identify their personal pronouns and designated salutations in court pleadings;

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that parties and attorneys may include Ms./Mrs., Mr., or Mx. as a preferred form of address and one of the following personal

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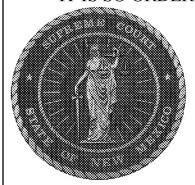
pronouns in the name section of the caption of pleadings: he/him/his, she/her/hers, or they/them/theirs;

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that courts must use the individual's name, the designated salutation or personal pronouns, or other respectful means that are not inconsistent with the individual's designated salutation or personal pronouns when addressing, referring to, or identifying the party or attorney, either orally or in writing;

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this order shall supersede any of this Court's rules of practice and procedure that prevent the use of personal pronouns and designated salutations in court pleadings; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the provisions of this order shall apply to all courts in the State of New Mexico effective immediately.

IT IS SO ORDERED.



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

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

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 9th day of April, 2024.

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