

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

2 **March 17, 2020**

3 **NO. 20-8500-003**

4 **IN THE MATTER OF**
5 **OUT-OF-STATE TRAVEL BY**
6 **JUDICIAL OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES**
7 **OF THE NEW MEXICO JUDICIARY DURING THE**
8 **COVID-19 PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY**

9 **ORDER**

10 WHEREAS, the New Mexico Department of Health is urging all New
11 Mexicans to avoid all non-essential travel to out-of-state areas affected by the
12 novel coronavirus (COVID-19) and exercise extreme caution with all out-of-state
13 travel;

14 WHEREAS, the New Mexico Judiciary is committed to implementing
15 effective public health strategies designed to promote a safe environment for
16 everyone who must visit or work in our state courthouses during the current public
17 health emergency; and

18 WHEREAS, in light of the foregoing, and the Court being sufficiently
19 advised, Chief Justice Judith K. Nakamura, Justice Barbara J. Vigil, Justice
20 Michael E. Vigil, Justice C. Shannon Bacon, and Justice David K. Thomson
21 concurring;

22 NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that suspension of all out-of-state

1 travel on work-related business by judicial officers and judicial employees of the
2 New Mexico Judiciary that was directed by this Court on March 12, 2020, shall
3 remain in effect until further order of the Court;

4 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that all judicial officers and judicial
5 employees are strongly discouraged from traveling out-of-state on personal
6 business and the following protective measures shall be implemented for any
7 judicial officer or judicial employee known to have traveled out-of-state or to have
8 been in contact with a person who has tested positive for COVID-19:

9 1. Any judicial officer or judicial employee who has traveled in the past
10 fourteen (14) days to a high-risk COVID-19 area as defined by the New Mexico
11 Department of Health or who has been in contact with an individual who has tested
12 positive for COVID-19 shall not enter any courthouse or other building used by the
13 New Mexico Judiciary for the next fourteen (14) calendar days to allow for the
14 fourteen (14)-day period of self-isolation recommended by the New Mexico
15 Department of Health; and

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17 2. Any judicial officer or judicial employee who travels anywhere out-
18 of-state for personal reasons beginning on or after March 18, 2020, shall not enter
19 any courthouse or other building used by the New Mexico Judiciary for a period of
20 fourteen (14) calendar days upon return to New Mexico to allow for the fourteen
21 (14)-day period of self-isolation recommended by the New Mexico Department of
22 Health, provided that the foregoing shall not apply to travel by a judicial officer or
23 judicial employee to commute to and from work if that person's personal residence
24 is in another state adjacent to New Mexico or for medical treatment for the judicial
25 officer or employee or that person's immediate family member;

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27 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that judicial officers and judicial employees
28 engaged in a period of self-isolation shall be permitted to work from home to the
29 extent that their work can be performed remotely and with the permission of the

1 chief judge or other administrative authority of the affected individual;

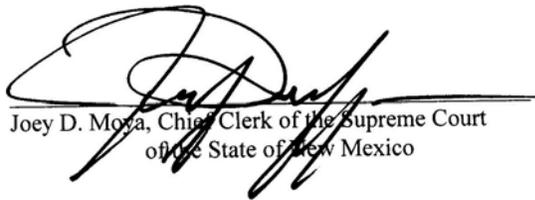
2 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that judicial employees engaged in a period of
3 self-isolation under the terms of this order who are not able or permitted to work
4 from home shall use annual and sick leave as administrative leave is not authorized
5 for this purpose; and

6 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this order shall remain in effect until
7 amended or withdrawn by future order of the Court.

8 IT IS SO ORDERED.



WITNESS, the Honorable Judith K. Nakamura, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the State of New Mexico, and the seal of said Court this 17th day of March, 2020.


Joey D. Moya, Chief Clerk of the Supreme Court
of the State of New Mexico

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