

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

2 **January 30, 2023**

3 **NO. 23-8500-003**

4 **IN THE MATTER OF THE RECORDING**
5 **OF CIVIL PROCEEDINGS IN THE**
6 **METROPOLITAN COURT**

7 **ORDER**

8 WHEREAS, this matter came on for consideration upon the Court’s own
9 motion to require the recording of all civil proceedings in metropolitan court for
10 which that court is a court of record;

11 WHEREAS, this Court has superintending control over all inferior courts
12 under Article VI, Section 3 of the New Mexico Constitution, which confers upon
13 this Court the power to, among other things, “control the course of ordinary
14 litigation in inferior courts,” *Kerr v. Parson*, 2016-NMSC-028, ¶ 16, 378 P.3d 1,
15 and “regulate and promulgate rules regarding the pleadings, practice, and
16 procedure affecting the judicial branch of government,” *Hudson v. State*, 1976-
17 NMSC-084, ¶ 4, 89 N.M. 759, 557 P.2d 1108; and

18 WHEREAS, the Court having considered the foregoing and being
19 sufficiently advised, Chief Justice C. Shannon Bacon, Justice Michael E. Vigil,
20 Justice David K. Thomson, Justice Julie J. Vargas, and Justice Briana H. Zamora
21 concurring;

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NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that beginning **February 10, 2023**, every civil proceeding in the metropolitan court for which that court is a court of record shall be recorded, regardless of the whether a party requests it, and notwithstanding the language in Rule 3-708 NMRA providing that proceedings will only be recorded if requested.

IT IS SO ORDERED.



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 30th day of January, 2023.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Elizabeth A. Garcia".

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