

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

2   **March 31, 2023**

3 **NO. 23-8500-011**

4 **IN THE MATTER OF FILING COURT**  
5 **DOCUMENTS BY EMAIL AND FAX**

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7   **ORDER**

8           WHEREAS, all New Mexico courts have developed temporary local  
9 procedures for accepting filings by email or by fax from self-represented litigants to  
10 minimize in-person entry to a courthouse to file a document during the COVID-19  
11 Public Health Emergency beginning March 11, 2020, *see* Supreme Court Order No.  
12 20-8500-002;

13           WHEREAS, accepting filings by email or fax from self-represented litigants  
14 has expanded access to the courts, especially in remote areas of the state; and

15           WHEREAS, in light of the foregoing, and the Court being sufficiently  
16 advised, Chief Justice C. Shannon Bacon, Justice Michael E. Vigil, Justice David K.  
17 Thomson, Justice Julie J. Vargas, and Justice Briana H. Zamora, concurring;

18           NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that all New Mexico courts shall  
19 maintain local procedures for accepting filings by email or by fax from self-  
20 represented litigants to minimize the need for persons to enter a courthouse to file a  
21 document;

1           IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that filing by email or fax shall be permitted by  
2 attorneys in those case-types that are not eligible for electronic filing through the  
3 New Mexico Judiciary’s eFile and Serve system; and

4           IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that applicable provisions in the New Mexico  
5 Rules of Civil Procedure addressing the filing of documents in the appellate, district,  
6 the Bernalillo County Metropolitan Court, and magistrate courts by email or fax  
7 shall remain suspended to the extent necessary to accommodate local procedures  
8 used by courts for expanded filing by email or fax.

9           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 31st day of March 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

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