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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO

October 19, 2020

No. 20-8100

**IN THE MATTER OF THE
ESTABLISHMENT OF THE
NEW MEXICO SUPREME COURT
COMMISSION ON EQUITY AND JUSTICE**

ORDER

WHEREAS, this matter having come before the Court upon recommendation to create the New Mexico Supreme Court Commission on Equity and Justice to study New Mexico’s justice system and make recommendations to achieve the following essential objectives:

1. Eliminate biases and inequities within New Mexico’s justice system that are due to race, ethnicity, color, national or tribal origin, ancestry, citizenship, religion, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity or presentation, indigent status, physical, mental or developmental disability or condition, age, English language proficiency, parenting status or pregnancy, and other characteristics identified by the Commission;
2. Give all persons equitable access to the state’s justice system;
3. Add transparency to the state’s justice system and make sure that all persons are treated equitably within it;

1 4. Provide education and training to judges and court staff to accomplish
2 the foregoing objectives; and

3 5. Provide educational and professional opportunities for prospective
4 lawyers, judges, and employees from underrepresented groups, so that all groups are
5 equitably represented within the state’s judiciary and other aspects of its judicial
6 functioning; and

7 WHEREAS, in light of the foregoing, and the Court having considered the
8 recommendation and being sufficiently advised, Chief Justice Michael E. Vigil,
9 Justice Barbara J. Vigil, Justice Judith K. Nakamura, Justice C. Shannon Bacon, and
10 Justice David K. Thomson concurring;

11 NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that the New Mexico Supreme Court
12 Commission on Equity and Justice IS HEREBY ESTABLISHED as a permanent
13 standing commission of the Court, and the membership of the Commission shall be
14 comprised of the following representation:

15 A. Voting members.

- 16 1. One (1) Supreme Court Justice;
- 17 2. One (1) Court of Appeals Judge;
- 18 3. Three (3) judges in total from the district court, metropolitan
19 court, or both, provided there is at least with one judge from a

1 small-sized court, medium-sized court, and large-sized court;

2 4. One (1) Magistrate Court Judge;

3 5. One (1) Tribal Court Judge;

4 6. One (1) University of New Mexico School of Law representative;

5 7. Four (4) Attorneys;

6 8. One (1) Community advocate;

7 9. One (1) Human rights/civil rights representative;

8 10. One (1) Mental health advocate;

9 11. One (1) Court security officer;

10 12. One (1) Legislative member;

11 13. Two (2) At-large members;

12 B. Ex-Officio Participation. The Commission shall encourage and invite
13 non-voting ex-officio participation in the work of the Commission from the following
14 interested parties:

15 1. Representation from each of the following organizations, which
16 may include non-voting participants who represent more than one organization:

17 (a) New Mexico Women's Bar Association;

18 (b) New Mexico Hispanic Bar Association;

19 (c) New Mexico Black Lawyers Association;

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- (d) New Mexico LGBTQ Bar Association;
 - (e) New Mexico Indian Bar Association;
 - (f) Senior Lawyers Division of the State Bar of New Mexico;
 - (g) Young Lawyers Division of the State Bar of New Mexico;
 - (h) New Mexico Trial Lawyers Association;
 - (i) New Mexico Defense Lawyers Association;
 - (j) State Bar of New Mexico Committee on Diversity in the Legal Profession;
 - (k) State Bar of New Mexico Committee on Women and the Legal Profession; and
 - (l) State Bar of New Mexico Family Law Section;
2. Representation from corrections/probation/pre-trial services;
3. Representation from each of the following judicial entities, which may include non-voting participants who represent more than one entity:
- (a) Judicial Information Division of the Administrative Office of the Courts;
 - (b) Judicial Education Center;
 - (c) Court Executive Officers Council;
 - (d) Human Resources Division of the Administrative Office of

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the Courts;

- (e) Administrative Office of the Courts Language Access Services;
- (f) Supreme Court Law Library;
- (g) New Mexico Board of Bar Examiners;
- (h) Staff member of the New Mexico Judiciary; and
- (i) The director of a self-help center for a New Mexico state court; and

4. Representation from each of the following organizations, which may include non-voting participants who represent more than one organization:

- (a) New Mexico Legal Aid;
- (b) New Mexico Center on Law and Poverty;
- (c) Southwest Women’s Law Center;
- (d) American Civil Liberties Union of New Mexico;
- (e) Native American advocacy organization; and
- (f) Homeless advocacy organization;

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Supreme Court, in consultation with the Equity and Justice Steering Committee, will appoint voting members to reflect the diversity of our state and the objectives of the Commission on Equity and Justice;

1 and

2 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Supreme Court, in consultation with the
3 Steering Committee, will appoint the Chair of the Commission from among its voting
4 members.

5 IT IS SO ORDERED.

6 DONE at Santa Fe, New Mexico, this 19th day of October, 2020.

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Chief Justice Michael E. Vigil

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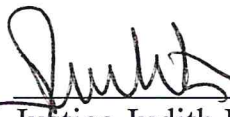
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Justice Barbara J. Vigil

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Justice Judith K. Nakamura

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Justice David K. Thomson