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

**April 9, 2019**

**No. 19-8500-004**

**IN THE MATTER OF AN AMENDED  
CASE MANAGEMENT ORDER FOR  
THE NEW MEXICO COURT OF APPEALS**

**ORDER**

WHEREAS, this Court issued a case management order on December 21, 2018, for the Court of Appeals to address its persistent and large backlog of undecided cases; and

WHEREAS, in light of the progress made, and experience gained under the case management order, and this Court wishing to amend the case management order for the Court of Appeals and being otherwise sufficiently advised, Chief Justice Judith K. Nakamura, Justice Barbara J. Vigil, Justice Michael E. Vigil, Justice C. Shannon Bacon, and Justice David K. Thomson concurring;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that, pursuant to this Court's power of superintending control under Article VI, Section 3, of the New Mexico Constitution, the Court of Appeals Case Management Order issued by this Court

1 on December 21, 2019, *see* Supreme Court Administrative Order No. 18-8500-  
2 018, shall be amended and replaced with the terms of this order, effective April  
3 11, 2019;

4 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the regular submission of Ready Cases  
5 shall proceed in accordance with the Court of Appeals normal policies and  
6 procedures subject to additional provisions contained herein;

7 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that after the assignment of any existing or  
8 future case to a judge for authorship, each Court of Appeals judge shall circulate  
9 such case no later than three (3) months, and file such case no later than six (6)  
10 months after the case was assigned for authorship;

11 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that by May 31, 2019, the Court shall file  
12 all submitted cases that are six months old or greater pursuant to any process or  
13 reassignment as the Court of Appeals deems appropriate;

14 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Court of Appeals disposition rate  
15 for General Calendar Cases shall exceed one hundred percent (100%) annually;

16 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that all Court of Appeals judges shall devote  
17 as much time as is necessary to meet the case processing deadlines and  
18 requirements in this order, which shall include working evenings, weekends, and

1 holidays;

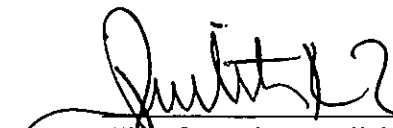
2 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Chief Judge of the Court of  
3 Appeals, in consultation with the judges of the Court of Appeals, shall formulate  
4 and present to the Supreme Court of New Mexico, no later than June 30, 2019,  
5 a comprehensive, court-wide plan ("Plan) to comply with mandatory  
6 performance measures required by the Legislative Finance Committee and to  
7 address the Court's caseload backlog. The Plan shall include tracking the time  
8 to disposition for General Calendar cases from the date the case is placed on the  
9 Ready List to the date of filing and reducing the Caseload Backlog by no fewer  
10 than thirty (30) cases per month;

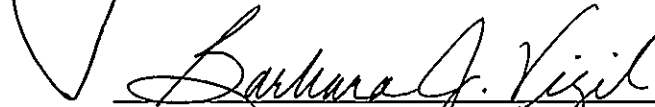
11 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals  
12 shall present to this Court its progress related to the mandatory performance  
13 measures and the Plan quarterly beginning September 30, 2019; and

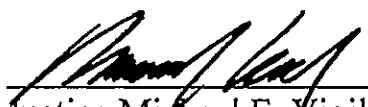
14 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Chief Judge of the Court of  
15 Appeals, in consultation with the judges of the Court of Appeals, shall formulate  
16 a plan for all judges of the Court of Appeals who assumed office on or after  
17 2018 to receive additional judicial training and education.

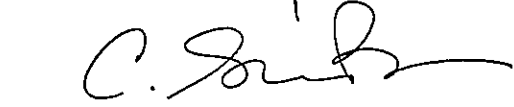
18 DONE at Santa Fe, New Mexico, this 11th day of April 2019.

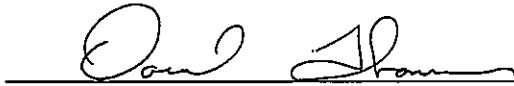
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