

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

2 **June 26, 2023**

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4 **NO. 23-8500-DS**

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6 **IN THE MATTER OF THE DESIGNATION**
7 **OF DISTRICT COURT JUDGES WHEN**
8 **A FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT JUDGE**
9 **OR EMPLOYEE, OR MINOR CHILD THEREOF,**
10 **SEEKS RELIEF UNDER THE FAMILY**
11 **VIOLENCE PROTECTION ACT**

12 **STANDING DESIGNATION ORDER**

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14 WHEREAS, in the best interests of judicial economy and the expeditious
15 disposition of cases, the Chief Justice has previously determined that standing orders
16 were necessary to designate out-of-district judges to preside over cases involving
17 judicial employees seeking relief under the Family Violence Protection Act;
18 judicial employees seeking relief under the Family Violence Protection Act;

19 WHEREAS, the last standing order designating out-of-district judges for
20 cases involving judicial employees seeking relief under the Family Violence
21 Protection Act in the First Judicial District Court was issued by the Chief Justice on
22 March 20, 2018, which was to remain in full force and effect until such time as it
23 was modified or withdrawn by the Chief Justice; and

1 WHEREAS, the need for a standing designation order continues to exist with
2 modifications to reallocate out-of-district designations among sitting district court
3 judges;

4 NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that the March 20, 2018, order
5 designating out-of-district judges for cases involving judicial employees seeking
6 relief under the Family Violence Protection Act in the First Judicial District Court is
7 superseded by this order;

8 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Second Judicial District Court Judge
9 Amber Chavez Baker is designated to preside over all cases involving judicial
10 employees, or their minor children, in Santa Fe County filed under the Family
11 Violence Protection Act; if Judge Chavez Baker is unavailable, then Second Judicial
12 District Court Judge Debra Ramirez is designated to preside over all such cases; if
13 Judge Ramirez is unavailable, then Second Judicial District Court Judge Jane C.
14 Levy is designated to preside over all such cases; and if Judge Levy is unavailable,
15 then Second Judicial District Court Judge Gerard J. Lavelle is designated to preside
16 over all such cases;

17 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Eighth Judicial District Court Judge
18 Melissa A. Kennelly is designated to preside over all cases involving judicial
19 employees, or their minor children, in Los Alamos County or Rio Arriba County

1 filed under the Family Violence Protection Act; if Judge Kennelly is unavailable,
2 then Eighth Judicial District Court Judge Emilio J. Chavez is designated to preside
3 over all such cases; and, if Judge Chavez is unavailable, then Eighth Judicial District
4 Court Judge Jeffrey A. Shannon, is designated to preside over all such cases;

5 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the replacement of any judge designated
6 under the terms of this order shall result in the automatic substitution of that judge's
7 successor in office until further order of this Court;

8 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that any judge designated under the terms of
9 this order may be reimbursed for mileage and per diem, provided that such costs are
10 paid directly by the First Judicial District Court; and

11 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this order is effective June 22, 2023, and
12 shall remain in full force and effect until such time as it is modified or withdrawn by
13 the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court.

14 DONE at Santa Fe, New Mexico, this 26th day of June, 2023.

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17 C. Shannon Bacon, Chief Justice
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