

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 A**  
8                   **THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT**  
9                   **EMPLOYEE, OR EMPLOYEE’S MINOR**  
10                  **CHILD, SEEKS RELIEF UNDER THE**  
11                  **FAMILY 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;  
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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 Third Judicial District Court was issued by the Chief Justice  
22   on 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23   was modified or withdrawn by the Chief Justice; and  
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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; and

4           WHEREAS, the Chief Justice having determined that it would be in the best  
5 interests of judicial economy to amend the March 20, 2018, order to include the  
6 designation of out-of-district judges when a Third Judicial District Court judge or  
7 employee's minor child seeks relief under the Family Violence Protection Act;

8           NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that the March 20, 2018, order  
9 designating out-of-district judges for cases involving judicial employees seeking  
10 relief under the Family Violence Protection Act in the Third Judicial District Court  
11 is superseded by this order;

12           IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Sixth Judicial District Court Judge Jennifer  
13 E. DeLaney is designated to preside over all cases involving judicial employees in  
14 the Third Judicial District Court, or their minor children, filed under the Family  
15 Violence Protection Act; if Judge DeLaney is unavailable, then Sixth Judicial  
16 District Court Judge James B. Foy is designated to preside over all such cases;

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

