



IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO

May 6, 2026

S-1-AO-2026-00019

**IN THE MATTER OF THE APPROVAL OF
A RECLASSIFICATION FOR DEUPTY
COURT EXECUTIVE OFFICERS 1 & 2
EMPLOYED WITHIN THE NEW MEXICO
JUDICIAL BRANCH**

ORDER

WHEREAS, this matter came on for consideration by the Supreme Court of New Mexico for the implementation of a reclassification for deputy court executive officers 1 and 2 in the New Mexico Judicial Branch;

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

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that all deputy court executive officers in the job codes, 8001JB and 8005JB, employed by the district courts shall be reclassified as either a Deputy Court Executive Officer 1 (At Will); or a Deputy Court Executive Officer 2 (At Will);

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that any Deputy Court Executive Officer 1 or 2, who is a classified employee, may remain a classified employee for the duration

1 of their employment with the New Mexico Judicial Branch without an associated
2 pay increase;

3 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that all New Mexico Judicial Branch deputy
4 court executive officers 1 and 2 hired, provided an out-of-cycle salary increase,
5 transferred, or reclassified after the date of this order shall be, hired, transferred,
6 reclassified, or provided an out-of-cycle increase contingent on being at-will
7 employees;

8 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that any vacant classified deputy court
9 executive officers 1 or 2 in the district and metropolitan courts are reclassified to at-
10 will.

11 IT IS SO ORDERED.



WITNESS, the Honorable Julie J. Vargas, Chief Justice of
the Supreme Court of the State of New Mexico, and the
seal of said Court this 6th day of May, 2026.

Elizabeth A. Garcia, Chief Clerk of the Supreme Court
of the State of New Mexico

I CERTIFY AND ATTEST:
A true copy was served on all parties
or their counsel of record on date filed.
Elizabeth A. Garcia
Chief Clerk of the Supreme Court
of the State of New Mexico