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BULLETIN

TO: Counsel and Unrepresented Parties Appearing in the United States District

Court for the District of New Mexico

CC: United States Judges of the District Court of New Mexico

Mitchell R. Elfers, Clerk of Court

FROM: Chief United States District Judge Kenneth J. Gonzales

DATE: May 9, 2025

SUBJECT: Use of Artificial Intelligence in the United States District Court for the

District of New Mexico

In recent years, and with growing frequency, litigants in the United States District Court for the District of New Mexico have used Artificial Intelligence ("AI") to prepare motions and other papers filed in this Court. As a result, I find it necessary to remind all litigants that appear in this Court of their obligations under Rule 11 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure to ensure that the legal contentions in papers they sign and file with the Court are warranted by existing law.

The Court recognizes that AI can be beneficial to attorneys and their clients and to unrepresented litigants. Even so, examples of filings have been brought to my attention that appear to include AI-generated arguments and citations that are not warranted by existing law. In these cases, attorneys have filed documents that appear to use AI and citations to non-existent cases. This practice is prohibited.

The Judges of this Court have an obligation to maintain and enforce high standards of conduct, to uphold the integrity of the Court, and to maintain the public confidence in the judiciary. Toward these ends, the Judges also have inherent supervisory authority over the conduct of attorneys and unrepresented parties appearing in their courtrooms, including the authority to discipline. Sanctions may include fines, non-monetary directives such as completing educational programs, reporting to the disciplinary boards of the bars of which the attorney is a member, and other appropriate and necessary sanctions.

Thank you for your attention to this matter and for your continued commitment to maintaining the integrity of the judicial system.