

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEW MEXICO**

IN THE MATTER OF:  
APPOINTMENT OF PHILLIP G. SAPIEN  
AS PART-TIME UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

26-MC-00004-07

**ORDER**

**PURSUANT** to the authority conferred by 28 U.S.C. § 631 et seq., and the further authority granted by the Judicial Conference of the United States.

**IT IS ORDERED** that PHILLIP G. SAPIEN is hereby appointed to serve as a part-time Magistrate Judge in the United States District Court for the District of New Mexico at the salary fixed by the Judicial Conference.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that PHILLIP G. SAPIEN shall enter upon the performance of the duties as part-time United States Magistrate Judge on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2026; provided that prior to the commencement of such duties, he shall have taken the oath or affirmation prescribed by 28 U.S.C. § 453 and 631(g).

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that PHILLIP G. SAPIEN, as a part-time Magistrate Judge, shall hold and discharge the duties of the office for a term of four (4) years from the effective date of this appointment, subject to the provisions of 28 U.S.C. § 631(i), unless sooner relieved.

A certified copy of this order will be forwarded to the Director of the Administrative Office of the United States Courts, as required by 28 U.S.C. § 631(h).

**DONE** at Albuquerque this 6<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2026.

FOR THE COURT:<sup>1</sup>

/s/  
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KENNETH J. GONZALES<sup>2</sup>  
CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

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<sup>1</sup> For the court, pursuant to Administrative Order Misc. No. 83-252.

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