


Mark Reynolds**IN THE COURT OF APPEALS OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO****IN THE MATTER OF APPELLATE
PUBLIC DEFENDER EXTENSIONS
OF TIME****No. A-1-AO-2025-00005****ORDER OF STANDING EXTENSIONS**

This matter is before the Court on its own motion and is based on the following:

1. On August 23, 2006, this Court entered Miscellaneous Order No. 01-29, which granted the Appellate Public Defender standing extensions to file memoranda in opposition, briefs in chief, and answer briefs. Miscellaneous Order No. 01-29 has been continually renewed with some modification since 2006, most recently by Administrative Order A-1-AO-2025-00001 which, through September 30, 2025, extended the time to file briefs in chief and answer briefs thirty (30) days and the time to file memoranda in opposition by fifteen (15) days.

2. The Court recognizes and is sympathetic to the large caseload of the Appellate Public Defender. However, the time extensions should not continue indefinitely. It has been over nineteen (19) years since the first standing extensions were granted. The Court and the Appellate Public Defender are working toward the elimination of the standing extensions and plan to phase out the standing extensions as soon as practicable.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

The following time extensions are granted from October 1, 2025, to March 31, 2026: The time to file briefs in chief and answer briefs is extended by thirty (30) days and the time to file memoranda in opposition is extended by fifteen (15) days. These time extensions apply to contract counsel for the Appellate Public Defender as well. This Order should be reviewed by March 16, 2026, to assess whether the standing extensions can be reduced or eliminated.

The standing extensions continue to not apply to cases in which the defendant is a juvenile, to cases filed pursuant to Rules 12-204, 12-205, 12-206.1, and 12-207.1 NMRA, or to cases exempted from this Order in a calendar notice or other order issued by this Court.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

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Chief Judge, Court of Appeals