

**IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO**

**NO. 07-8500**

**IN THE MATTER OF THE REPORT OF THE  
ALIMONY GUIDELINES STATEWIDE PILOT PROJECT  
COMMITTEE AND ADOPTION OF ALIMONY  
GUIDELINES FOR THE STATE COURTS OF NEW MEXICO**

**ORDER**

WHEREAS, the Supreme Court established the Alimony Guidelines Statewide Pilot Project Committee on October 1, 2004, for the purpose of studying and collecting data using the proposed alimony guidelines and commentaries in settlement negotiations in a pilot project in the First, Second, Third, and Eighth Judicial District Courts;

WHEREAS, the Committee submitted a report to this Court on September 26, 2006, setting forth the results of its study and data collection;

WHEREAS, the Committee's report also contained recommendations for expanding the use and availability of the alimony guidelines and commentaries statewide;

WHEREAS, at the request of this Court, the Domestic Relations Task Force commented on the Committee's report and agreed that the proposed alimony guidelines and commentaries should be published and their use in settlement negotiations should be encouraged and extended statewide; and

WHEREAS, this Court having considered the report and recommendations, and being sufficiently advised, Chief Justice Edward L. Chávez, Justice Pamela B. Minzner, Justice Patricio M. Serna, Justice Petra Jimenez Maes, and Justice Richard C. Bosson, concurring;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that the report of the Alimony Guidelines Statewide Pilot Project Committee is hereby ACCEPTED;

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that certain recommendations from the report hereby are ADOPTED and shall be implemented as follows:

1. The Committee's proposed alimony guidelines and commentaries, as revised

September 6, 2006, shall be formally known as the Statewide Alimony Guidelines and Commentaries;

2. All New Mexico Judicial Districts are authorized and encouraged to use the Statewide Alimony Guidelines and Commentaries for settlement negotiation purposes;
3. The Administrative Office of the Courts is authorized to publish and distribute the Statewide Alimony Guidelines and Commentaries throughout the State of New Mexico, which shall include posting them on the New Mexico State Judiciary Website; and
4. The Committee may reconvene at reasonable intervals at the call of the chair, or at the direction of this Court, to gather feedback and review the use of the Statewide Alimony Guidelines and Commentaries, to make recommendations to this Court for revising the guidelines or commentaries as may be warranted from time to time, and to make any other recommendations with regard to the use and distribution of the guidelines that may be needed.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Done at Santa Fe, New Mexico, this 16th day of April, 2007.

\_\_\_\_\_/s/\_\_\_\_\_  
Chief Justice Edward L. Chávez

\_\_\_\_\_/s/\_\_\_\_\_  
Justice Pamela B. Minzner

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Justice Patricio M. Serna

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Justice Petra Jimenez Maes

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Justice Richard C. Bosson