

First Judicial District Court – Bar Bulletin Posting

On June 17, 2026, Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham appointed Dylan O'Reilly to the bench of the First Judicial District Court as the judge presiding over the newly-created Division XI. Division XI will maintain a docket consisting of Abuse and Neglect cases (JQ) and Domestic cases (DM and DV).

Effective July 24, 2026, a reassignment of Abuse and Neglect cases (JQ) from Judge Jason Lidyard (Division V) to Judge Dylan O'Reilly will occur pursuant to NMSC Rule 23-109.

On August 26, 2026, a mass reassignment of Domestic cases (DM and DV) from Judge Denise Thomas to Judge Dylan O'Reilly will occur. Parties who have not previously exercised their right to challenge or excuse will have ten (10) days from August 26, 2026 to challenge or excuse Judge Dylan O'Reilly pursuant to Rule 1-088.1.

At the same time as the above-identified mass reassignments are made, Judge Denise Thomas will receive a percentage of Civil cases (CV, PB, PQ) from Divisions I, II, VI, IX and X to fill 75% of her docket. Judge Denise Thomas will retain 25% of Domestic cases previously assigned to her and she will serve as the Presiding Domestic Judge for the First Judicial District.