

7-301. General rules of pleading; captions.

A. **Caption.** Pleadings and papers filed in the metropolitan court shall have a caption or heading which shall briefly include:

- (1) the name of the court as follows:
"State of New Mexico
County of _____
Metropolitan Court";

- (2) the names of the parties; and

- (3) a title that describes the cause of action or relief requested. The title of a pleading or paper shall have no legal effect in the action.

B. **Plaintiff.** All actions shall be brought in the name of the state or political subdivision, as plaintiff.

C. **Adoption by reference.** Statements made in one part of a pleading may be adopted by reference in another part of the same pleading.

[As amended, effective December 17, 2001.]