

**IN RE ADOPTION OF VENDOR NEUTRAL CITATIONS FOR APPELLATE
OPINIONS, NO. 98-8500 (S. Ct. 1998)**

**IN THE MATTER OF THE ADOPTION OF VENDOR NEUTRAL CITATIONS
FOR APPELLATE OPINIONS, NEW MEXICO STATUTES, COURT
RULES, AND UNIFORM JURY INSTRUCTIONS FOR
PLEADINGS AND OTHER PAPERS FILED IN THE
COURTS OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO**

NO. 98-8500

SUPREME COURT OF NEW MEXICO

January 12, 1998, Decided

OPINION

ORDER

WHEREAS, the matter came on for consideration upon the Court's own motion to adopt vendor neutral citations for appellate opinions, New Mexico Statutes Annotated, Court Rules, and Uniform Jury Instructions for all pleadings and other papers filed in the courts of the state of New Mexico, and having submitted said citation forms to the Appellate Rules Committee for its review and recommendation, Chief Justice Gene E. Franchini, Justice Joseph F. Baca, Justice Pamela B. Minzner, Justice Patricio M. Serna, and Justice Dan A. McKinnon, III, concurring;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that the motion hereby is granted and this Court hereby adopts vendor neutral citations for appellate opinions, New Mexico Statutes Annotated, Court Rules, and Uniform Jury Instructions as the official citations for all pleadings and other papers filed in the courts of the state of New Mexico;

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this Court's Provisional Order dated August 15, 1997, hereby is WITHDRAWN;

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Supreme Court clerk, the official reporter of appellate opinions, shall cause to be published in the opinion header of all appellate opinions the vendor neutral citation (opinion number), which serves as the official citation for appellate opinions issued by the New Mexico appellate courts. Opinion numbers have been assigned to cases filed on and after January 1, 1996;

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the vendor neutral citation shall be cited with the state reporter or with the regional reporter for as long as those reporters are published, **e.g.**, **State v. Ray**, N.M. or **State v. Ray**, slip op., P.2d . Use of the vendor neutral citation with citation to both reporters is permitted, but is not required. For opinions not yet

published in the reporter system, the vendor neutral citation may be followed by the **Bar Bulletin** citation, **e.g., State v. Ray**, Vol. 26, No. 53, SBB 23. For citation to cases prior to January 1, 1996, follow citation rules in **The Bluebook: A Uniform System of Citation (16th Ed. 1996)** ;

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that when citing to subsequent history for New Mexico opinions, the Supreme Court docket number shall be substituted for a vendor neutral citation, **e.g., State v. Ray**, slip op. (reporter citation), **cert. granted**, slip op., No. 24,321 (1998). Opinion numbers are not assigned to petitions for writ of certiorari; however, in the instance where the Supreme Court issues an opinion in a case on certiorari, an opinion number will be assigned and shall be used in citing subsequent history, **e.g., State v. Ray**, slip op. (reporter citation), **rev'd**, slip op. (reporter citation);

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that for pinpoint citations, a paragraph number shall be used after the vendor neutral citation, **e.g., State v. Ray**, slip op. (reporter citation). When paragraph numbering is unavailable, pinpoint page citations may be used. A short citation form may be used if it clearly identifies a case that has been cited within the same general textual discussion, **e.g., Ray**, slip op.;

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the vendor neutral citation for New Mexico Statutes Annotated shall be "NMSA 1978, § (19)" or "NMSA 1978, Section (19)", **i.e.**, it is unnecessary to refer to "Cum. Supp." or "Repl. Pamp.", rather reference shall be made to the applicable date of enactment (not compilation) as set forth in the "History Note" following each statute;

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the official vendor neutral citation for all Rules and Uniform Jury Instructions promulgated by this Court shall be "Rule NMRA 19 " and "UJI NMRA 19 " respectively;

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that **The Bluebook: A Uniform System of Citation** (16th ed. 1996) hereby is adopted as the official citation reference for all pleadings and other papers filed in all courts in the State of New Mexico except as it may be inconsistent with this Order; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this order shall be effective immediately.

WITNESS, The Hon. Gene E. Franchini, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the State of New Mexico, and the seal of said Court this 12th day of January, 1998.