

State of New Mexico Ninth Judicial District Court



Financial Statements

June 30, 2017

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Function of Entity

The Ninth Judicial District Court was established by New Mexico Statutes Annotated, 1978 Compilation and is comprised of the counties of Curry and Roosevelt. The principal office for Curry County is located in Clovis, New Mexico and the principal office for Roosevelt County is located in Portales, New Mexico. The District Court has original jurisdiction in all matters and causes not exempted in the constitution, and such jurisdiction of special cases and proceedings as may be conferred by law, and appellate jurisdiction of all cases originating in inferior courts and tribunals in their respective districts, and supervisory control over the same. The District Courts, or any judge thereof, have power to issue writs of habeas corpus, mandamus, injunctions, quo warranto, certiorari, prohibition, and other writs remedial or otherwise in the exercise of their jurisdiction; provided that no such writs issued shall be directed to judges or courts of equal or superior jurisdiction. The District Courts also have the power of naturalization in accordance with the laws of the United States.

Official Roster

Name

Title

Judges:

Honorable Matthew E. Chandler	District Judge, Division I
Honorable Drew D. Tatum	Chief Judge, Division II
Honorable Fred T. Van Soelen	District Judge, Division III
Honorable Donna J. Mowrer	District Judge, Division IV
Honorable David P. Reeb, Jr.	District Judge, Division V

Administrative Officials:

Kevin Spears	Court Executive Officer
Jo Ann M. Tootikian	Chief Financial Officer

Independent Auditor's Report

Timothy Keller, New Mexico State Auditor
and
Honorable Drew D. Tatum, Presiding Judge
Ninth Judicial District Court
Clovis, New Mexico

Report on Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, the aggregate remaining fund information, and the budgetary comparisons for the general fund and major special revenue funds of the State of New Mexico Ninth Judicial District Court (Court), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2017, and the related notes to the financial statements which collectively comprise the Court's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents. We also have audited the financial statements of the Court's fiduciary funds in the accompanying fund financial statements as of and for the year ended June 30, 2017, as listed in the table of contents.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatements, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the court's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion.

An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

Opinions

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Court, as of June 30, 2017, and the respective changes in financial position and the respective budgetary comparisons for the general fund and major special revenue funds for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. In addition, in our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the fiduciary funds of the Court as of June 30, 2017, for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Other Matters

Required Supplementary Information

The Court has omitted Management’s Discussion and Analysis which is required to be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such missing information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. Our opinion on the basic financial statements is not affected by this missing information.

Other Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the Court’s financial statements, the combining and individual fund financial statements, and the budgetary comparisons. The additional schedules listed as “supplementary information” in the table of contents, which includes schedules required by 2.2.2.NMAC, are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements.

The additional schedules listed as “supplementary information” in the table of contents, which includes schedules required by 2.2.2.NMAC, are the responsibility of management and were derived from and relate directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the information is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated October 30, 2017 on our consideration of the Court's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Court's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Zlotnick, Laws & Sandoval, P.C.

Zlotnick, Laws & Sandoval, PC

October 30, 2017

STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
June 30, 2017

	Governmental Activities
ASSETS	
Current Assets:	
Petty Cash	\$ 600
Investment in State General Fund Investment Pool	265,615
Due From Other Agencies	74,097
Supplies Inventory	32,935
Total Current Assets	373,247
Capital Assets, net	171,868
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 545,115
LIABILITIES	
Current Liabilities:	
Deficiency in State General Fund Investment Pool	\$ 20,291
Accounts Payable	26,917
Payroll Benefits Payable	55,070
Payroll Taxes Payable	27,627
Accrued Payroll	61,946
Compensated Absences	125,697
Total Current Liabilities	317,548
Noncurrent Liabilities:	
Compensated Absences	14,376
TOTAL LIABILITIES	331,924
NET POSITION	
Net Investment in Capital Assets	171,868
Restricted for:	
Drug Court	29,815
Mediations	69,414
Alternative Dispute Resolution	16,530
Child Support Hearing Officer	32,702
Unrestricted (deficit)	(107,138)
TOTAL NET POSITION	213,191
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET POSITION	\$ 545,115

See Notes to Financial Statements.

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
For the Year Ended June 30, 2017

	Governmental Activities
Expenses:	
Judicial:	
Administrative Services	4,082,313
Depreciation Expense	34,627
Total Expenses	4,116,940
Program Revenues:	
Operating Grants	349,438
Charges for Services	270,386
Court Fees	76,744
Total Program Revenues	696,568
Net program expenses	(3,420,372)
General Revenues and Transfers	
State General Fund Appropriations	3,322,100
Other Financing Sources	83,496
Transfer from Other Agency	10,452
State General Fund Reversion - FY 2017	(709)
Total General Revenues and Transfers	3,415,339
Change in net position	(5,033)
Net Position, beginning of year	218,224
Net Position, end of year	\$ 213,191

See Notes to Financial Statements.

BALANCE SHEET – GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

June 30, 2017

	General 14900	Mediation 84700	ADR 68330	CSHO 92700	Total
ASSETS					
Current Assets:					
Petty Cash	\$ 500	-	-	100	\$ 600
Interest in SGFIP	179,572	69,513	16,530	-	265,615
Due from Other State Agencies	-	-	-	74,097	74,097
Supplies Inventory	27,342	-	-	5,593	32,935
TOTAL ASSETS	\$207,414	69,513	16,530	79,790	\$373,247
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES					
Current Liabilities:					
Deficiency in SGFIP	\$ -	-	-	20,291	\$ 20,291
Accounts Payable	23,966	99	-	2,852	26,917
Payroll Benefits Payable	48,017	-	-	7,053	55,070
Payroll Taxes Payable	24,098	-	-	3,529	27,627
Accrued Payroll	54,176	-	-	7,770	61,946
TOTAL LIABILITIES	150,257	99	-	41,495	191,851
FUND BALANCES					
Nonspendable:					
Supplies Inventory	27,342	-	-	5,593	32,935
Restricted for:					
Drug Court	29,815	-	-	-	29,815
Mediations	-	69,414	16,530	-	85,944
Child Support Hearing Officer	-	-	-	32,702	32,702
TOTAL FUND BALANCE	57,157	69,414	16,530	38,295	181,396
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	\$207,414	69,513	16,530	79,790	\$373,247

See Notes to Financial Statements.

**RECONCILIATION OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS BALANCE SHEET
TO THE STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
June 30, 2017**

Total fund balances for governmental funds \$ 181,396

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the
Statement of Net Assets are different because:

Capital assets used in governmental activities are not
financial resources, and therefore are not reported in
the funds. These assets consist of the following:

Capital assets, net 171,868

Some liabilities are not due and payable in the current
period, and therefore are not reported in the funds.
Those liabilities consist of the following:

Compensated absences (140,073)

Net Position of Governmental Activities \$ 213,191

See Notes to Financial Statements.

**STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES – GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
For the Year Ended June 30, 2017**

	General 14900	Mediation 84700	ADR 68330	CSHO 92700	Total
REVENUES					
Federal Grants	\$ -	-	-	349,438	\$ 349,438
Charges for Services	98,274	-	-	172,112	270,386
Court Fees	40,509	19,705	16,530	-	76,744
Total Revenues	138,783	19,705	16,530	521,550	696,568
EXPENDITURES					
Current:					
Judicial:					
Administrative Services:					
Personal Services and Benefits	3,202,890	-	-	497,679	3,700,569
Contract Services	128,265	-	-	-	128,265
Other Costs	205,799	2,728	-	23,955	232,482
Capital Outlay	-	-	-	-	-
Total Expenditures	3,536,954	2,728	-	521,634	4,061,316
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenditures	(3,398,171)	16,977	16,530	(84)	(3,364,748)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (Uses)					
Transfers In:					
General Fund Appropriations	3,322,100	-	-	-	3,322,100
Other Financing Sources	83,496	-	-	-	83,496
Transfers Out:					
2017 Reversions to the State General Fund	(709)	-	-	-	(709)
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	3,404,887	-	-	-	3,404,887
Net Change in Fund Balances	6,716	16,977	16,530	(84)	40,139
Fund Balances, beginning	50,900	52,437	-	38,930	142,267
Change in reserve for supplies inventory	(459)	-	-	(551)	(1,010)
Fund Balances, ending	\$ 57,157	69,414	16,530	38,295	\$ 181,396

See Notes to Financial Statements.

**RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND
BALANCES OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
For the Year Ended June 30, 2017**

Net change in fund balances - total governmental funds \$ 40,139

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the
Statement of Activities are different because:

Certain outlays are reported as expenditures in governmental
funds. However, in the statement of activities, these costs are
expensed as they are consumed or are allocated over their
estimated useful lives. In the current period these amounts are:

Capital outlay	-	
Transfer of capital asset from other agency	10,452	
Depreciation expense	<u>(34,627)</u>	
Excess of capital outlay over depreciation expense and losses on assets		(24,175)

Change in Supplies Inventory		(1,010)
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Expenses recognized in the Statement of Activities, not
reported in the governmental funds:

Change in compensated absences (increase)		<u>(19,987)</u>
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Change in Net Position of Governmental Activities		<u><u>\$ (5,033)</u></u>
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See Notes to Financial Statements.

STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES
BUDGET AND ACTUAL (BUDGETARY BASIS) – GENERAL FUND
For the Year Ended June 30, 2017

	Budget		Actual Amounts (Budgetary Basis)	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
	Original	Final		
REVENUES				
General Fund Appropriation	3,322,100	3,322,100	3,322,100	-
Other Financing Sources	83,500	83,500	83,496	(4)
Charges for Services	141,900	135,150	138,783	3,633
Total Revenues	3,547,500	3,540,750	3,544,379	3,629
Fund Balance	-	-		
Total Revenues and Fund Balance	\$3,547,500	3,540,750		
EXPENDITURES				
Administrative Services:				
Personal Services	\$3,242,000	3,203,250	3,202,890	360
Contractual Services	125,600	128,550	128,265	285
Other	179,900	208,950	205,799	3,151
Total Expenditures	\$3,547,500	3,540,750	3,536,954	3,796

See Notes to Financial Statements.

STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES
BUDGET AND ACTUAL (BUDGETARY BASIS) – MEDIATION FUND
or the Year Ended June 30, 2017

	Budget		Actual Amounts (Budgetary Basis)	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
	Original	Final		
REVENUES				
Court Fees	\$ 17,700	17,700	<u>19,705</u>	<u>2,005</u>
Fund Balance	-	-		
Total Revenues	<u>\$ 17,700</u>	<u>17,700</u>		
EXPENDITURES				
Administrative Services:				
Personal Services	\$ -	-	-	-
Other Costs	17,700	17,700	2,728	14,972
Total Expenditures	<u>\$ 17,700</u>	<u>17,700</u>	<u>2,728</u>	<u>14,972</u>

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STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES
BUDGET AND ACTUAL (BUDGETARY BASIS) – CHILD SUPPORT HEARING OFFICER FUND
For the Year Ended June 30, 2017

	Budget		Actual Amounts (Budgetary Basis)	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
	Original	Final		
REVENUES				
Operating Grants	\$ 565,900	565,900	521,550	(44,350)
Total Revenues	565,900	565,900	<u>521,550</u>	<u>(44,350)</u>
Fund Balance	-	-		
Total Revenues and Fund Balance	<u>\$ 565,900</u>	<u>565,900</u>		
EXPENDITURES				
Administrative Services:				
Personal Services	\$ 522,700	499,100	497,679	1,421
Contractual Services	2,500	-	-	-
Other	40,700	25,900	23,955	1,945
Total Expenditures	<u>\$ 565,900</u>	<u>525,000</u>	<u>521,634</u>	<u>3,366</u>

See Notes to Financial Statements.

STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES
BUDGET AND ACTUAL (BUDGETARY BASIS) – ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION FUND
For the Year Ended June 30, 2017

	Budget		Actual Amounts (Budgetary Basis)	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
	Original	Final		
REVENUES				
Court Fees	\$ -	-	16,530	16,530
Fund Balance	-	-		
Total Revenues	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>-</u>		
EXPENDITURES				
Administrative Services:				
Personal Services	\$ -	-	-	-
Other Costs	-	-	-	-
Total Expenditures	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

See Notes to Financial Statements.

STATEMENT OF FIDUCIARY ASSETS & LIABILITIES – AGENCY FUNDS
June 30, 2017

	<u>Agency Fund</u>
ASSETS	
Cash and cash equivalents	<u>\$ 858,626</u>
LIABILITIES	
Deposits held for others (or due to external parties)	<u>\$ 858,626</u>

See Notes to Financial Statements.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

June 30, 2017

NOTE 1 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The financial statements of the Ninth Judicial District Court have been prepared in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP) as applied to governmental units. The Governmental Accounting Standard Board (GASB) is the accepted standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles. The GASB periodically updates its codification of the existing Governmental Accounting and Financial Reporting Standards which, along with subsequent GASB pronouncements (Statements and Interpretations), constitutes GAAP for governmental units. The more significant of the Ninth Judicial District Court's accounting policies are described below.

A – Reporting Entity

The District Court is given its authority under Section 13 of the New Mexico State Constitution and Sections 34-6-1, 34-6-2, 34-6-12 and 36-5-17 through 34-6-47 of the New Mexico State Statutes Annotated, 1978 Compilation, and is a part of the State of New Mexico. The agency code assigned by the Department of Finance and Administration for the Court is 23900. The District Court judges are elected to their position in a partisan election prior to being eligible for a nonpartisan retention election. Thereafter, each judge is subject to retention or rejection on a nonpartisan ballot every sixth year. The District Court is the state court of general jurisdiction and is authorized to hear and determine all civil and criminal cases which are not specifically exempted from its jurisdiction. Financing of the District Court is by state appropriations.

The District Court's basic financial statements include all activities and accounts of the District Court's "financial reporting entity." The financial reporting entity consists of the primary government, and any other organization for which the nature and significance of their relationship with the primary government are such that exclusion would cause the reporting entity's financial statements to be misleading or incomplete.

The definition of the reporting entity is based primarily on the notion of financial accountability. A primary government is financially accountable for the organizations that make up its legal entity. It is also financially accountable for legally separate organizations if its officials appoint a voting majority of an organization's governing body, and either it is able to impose its will on that organization, or there is a potential for the organization to provide specific financial benefits to, or impose specific financial burdens, on the primary government. A primary government may also be financially accountable for governmental organizations that are fiscally dependent on it.

A primary government has the ability to impose its will on an organization if it can significantly influence the programs, projects, activities, or level of services performed or provided by the organization. A financial benefit or burden relationship exists if the primary government (a) is entitled to the organization's resources; (b) is legally obligated or has otherwise assumed the obligation to finance the deficits of, or provide financial support to, the organization; or (c) is obligated in some manner for the debt of the organization.

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The District Court has no component units.

The Ninth Judicial District Court is a part of the Judicial Branch of the State of New Mexico. These financial statements include only those funds and activities over which the Ninth Judicial District Court has oversight responsibility. The Ninth Judicial District Court is not included in any other government “reporting entity” as described in Section 2100, “Codification of Governmental Accounting and Financial Reporting Standards.”

B – Government-wide and fund financial statements

The government-wide financial statements (i.e., the statement of net position and the statement of activities and changes in net position) report information on all of the non-fiduciary activities of the primary government. For the most part, the effect of inter fund activity has been removed from these statements. *Governmental activities*, which normally are supported by taxes and intergovernmental revenues, are reported separately from *business-type activities*, which rely to a significant extent on fees and charges for support. The District Court does not have any business-type activities.

The statement of activities demonstrates the degree to which the direct expenses of a given function, or segment, are offset by program revenues. *Direct expenses* are those that are clearly identifiable with a specific function or segment. *Program revenues* include 1) charges to customers or applicants who purchase, use, or directly benefit from goods, services, or privileges provided by a given function or segment and 2) grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular function or segment. Taxes and other items not properly included among program revenues are reported instead as *general revenues*.

Separate financial statements are provided for governmental funds and fiduciary funds, even though the latter are excluded from the government-wide financial statements. Major individual governmental funds are reported as separate columns in the fund financial statements.

The accounts of the Ninth Judicial District Court are organized on a basis of funds, each of which is considered a separate accounting entity. The operations of each fund are accounted for with a separate set of self-balancing accounts that comprise assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities, deferred inflows of resources, fund equity, revenues and expenditures. Governmental resources are allocated to and accounted for in individual funds based upon the purpose for which spending activities are controlled. The following fund types and account groups are used by the Ninth Judicial District Court:

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GOVERNMENTAL FUND

General Fund (149) – The General Fund is the general operating fund of the District Court and is used to account for all financial resources except those required to be accounted for in another fund. The General Fund is funded primarily by an appropriation from the State General Fund and any unused funds at the end of the fiscal year revert back to the State General Fund. The General Fund is always reported as a major fund.

Drug Court – Within the Court general fund there is established a Drug Court Program. The program provides treatment and counseling to drug dependent offenders, who are in the criminal justice system due to drug-related charges, with the aim of eliminating their substance abuse. The funds provided by Drug Court fees are non-Reverting. These funds are reflected in the financial statements as restricted funds.

The Court accounts for the revenues and expenses of the Drug Court and charges the restricted fund balance accordingly. All other monies within the General Fund revert to the State of New Mexico.

SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS

The Special Revenue Funds account for revenue sources that are legally restricted to expenditures for specific purposes. No expenditures can be made from the Special Revenue Funds for general operations of the District Court. The District Court has two Special Revenue Funds.

Child Support Hearing Officer Fund (CSHO) #92700 – The District Court has entered into an agreement with the State of New Mexico Human Services Department (HSD) operating through its Child Support Enforcement Division (CSED) which administers a statewide plan for child support enforcement in compliance with Title IV-D of the Federal Social Security Act. HSD provides funding to the District Court for implementing measures for the use of child support hearing officers in the adjudication of legal actions for child support pursuant to NMSA 1978 Sec. 40-4B-1. The Child Support Hearing Officer Fund is a non-reverting fund. The Child Support Hearing Officer Fund is reported as a major fund.

Mediation Fund #84700 – The District Court has established a domestic relations mediation program pursuant to section 5 [40-12-5, NMSA, 1978 Compilation] of the Domestic Relations Mediation Act. Deposits to the fund shall include payments made through the imposition of a sliding fee scale pursuant to Section 5 [40-12-5, NMSA, 1978 Compilation] of the Domestic Relations Mediation Act and the collection of the surcharge provided for in Section 6 [40-12-6, NMSA 1978 Compilation] of that act. The Mediation Fund is a non-reverting fund. The Mediation Fund is reported as a major fund.

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Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) #68330 – The Court has also established an alternative dispute resolution program pursuant to Section 34-6-45, NMSA, 1978 Comp. The purpose of the program is to resolve disputes through alternative means, including, but not limited to, arbitration, mediation and settlement mediation. To finance the cost of the program, the Court charges a \$15 fee on all new and reopened cases. In accordance with Section 34-6-44, NMSA, 1978 Comp., the fee is deposited into the alternative dispute resolution fund. The fund is a special revenue fund and is non-reverting per state statute 34-6-44. The SHARE number is #08400. The court considers this fund a major fund. At June 30, 2017, there were no outstanding encumbrances.

FIDUCIARY FUNDS

Agency Funds – Agency Funds are used to account for assets held by the District Court in a trustee capacity or as an agent for individuals, private organizations, other governments, and/or other funds. Agency Funds are custodial in nature (assets equal liabilities) and do not involve measurements of results of operations.

Agency funds for the District Court are as follows:

Litigant's Fund – These monies are amounts collected from persons involved in pending litigation. The Court has custody and may invest these monies until refunded and, if not stated, the interest earned is transferred to the State General Fund.

Court Clerk's Fund – These monies are collected from individuals filing with the Court. These monies are remitted intact to the New Mexico State Treasurer.

Both funds are accounted for in SHARE fund #52400.

C – Measurement focus, basis of accounting, and financial statement presentation

GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The statement of net position and the statement of activities display information about the District Court, the primary government, as a whole without displaying individual funds or fund types. Generally these statements distinguish between activities that are governmental and those that are considered business-type activities. The District Court has no business-type activities; therefore, these statements only reflect governmental activities. Government-wide financial statements exclude information about fiduciary funds and component units that are fiduciary in nature.

The government-wide statements are prepared using the “economic resources” measurements focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Under this measurement focus, all assets and deferred outflows of resources and liabilities and deferred inflows of resources (whether current or non-current, financial or non-financial) associated with their activities are reported. Under the accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recognized when earned and expenses are recorded when the liability is incurred or economic asset used. Revenues, expenses, gains,

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June 30, 2017

losses, assets, deferred inflows of resources, liabilities, deferred outflows of resources, resulting from exchange-like transactions are recognized when the exchange takes place.

FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The governmental fund financial statements are prepared using only a “current financial resources” measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Under this focus, only current financial assets and liabilities are generally included on the balance sheet. The operating statements present sources and uses of available spendable financial resources during a given period. Governmental funds use fund balance as their measure of available spendable financial resources at the end of the period. Under the modified accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recognized when “measurable and available”. Measurable means knowing or being able to reasonably estimate the amount. Available means collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay current liabilities. For this purpose, the District Court considers revenues to be available if they are collected within 60 days of the end of the current fiscal period. Expenditures (including capital outlay) are recorded when the related fund liability is incurred. Reconciliations are provided with brief explanations to better identify the relationship between the government-wide financial statements and fund financial statements.

D – Budgets and Budgetary Accounting

The Ninth Judicial District Court follows these procedures in establishing the budgetary data reflected in the financial statements:

1. No later than September 1, the Ninth Judicial District Court submits to the Judicial Budget Office (JBO), the Legislative Finance Committee (LFC), and the Department of Finance and Administration (DFA) an appropriation request for the fiscal year commencing the following July 1. The appropriation request includes proposed expenditures and the means of financing them.
2. Appropriation request hearings are scheduled by the JBO. Recommendations are made by the JBO to the Supreme Court for their approval. The Supreme Court approved appropriation request is then submitted to the Legislature as the Supreme Court’s recommended appropriation request for the Ninth Judicial District Court.
3. Budget hearings are scheduled before the New Mexico House Appropriations and the Senate Finance Committees. The final outcome of these hearings is incorporated into the General Appropriations Act.
4. The act is signed into law by the Governor of the State of New Mexico within the legally prescribed time limit.
5. The Ninth Judicial District Court submits, no later than May 1, to DFA an annual operating budget by category and line item based upon the appropriation made by the Legislature. The DFA Budget Division reviews and approves the operating budget which becomes effective on July 1. All subsequent budget adjustments must be approved by

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the director of DFA – Budget Division and LFC. The budget was amended in a legal manner for the current year.

6. Budget control for expenditures is by category of expenditures and to meet legal compliance cannot exceed the total budget for the fund.
7. Formal budgetary integration is employed as a management control device during the fiscal year for the General Fund and Special Revenue Funds.
8. Appropriations lapse at the end of the fiscal year except for those amounts properly encumbered for accounts payable. All unused annual appropriations within the General Fund revert to the State General Fund. The Child Support Hearing Officer Fund and Mediation Fund are Special Revenue Funds and are non-reverting funds.

During the fiscal year 2005 the General Appropriation Act of 2004 established the modified accrual basis of accounting as the budgetary basis of accounting for the encumbrances at the end of the fiscal year 2005. However, only valid encumbrances (those paid within the deadline set by DFA) are included in the budgetary statements. In addition, the budgetary financial statements include the purchase of capital assets as budgetary expenditures and omit expenditures that are not expected to be paid out of available financial resources. Budgetary financial statements omit revenue included in accounts receivable that is not expected to be received within 60 days following the end of the fiscal year. Thus budgetary comparisons presented in the report for the fiscal year are on the modified accrual basis of accounting. For comparison to the legally adopted budget, revenues and expenditures were adjusted to the budgetary basis.

E – Encumbrances

Encumbrances follow the modified accrual basis of accounting. Outstanding valid encumbrances are classified as accounts payable if they are normally paid before 30 days after the end of the fiscal year. After this deadline, the agency may still make the expenditure for a prior year accounts payable; however, they must first obtain DFA's permission to pay prior year bills. "Permission to pay prior year bills" is a penalty under law for not paying bills timely. It penalizes an agency by mandating that they charge an expenditure of one fiscal year to the subsequent fiscal year's budget.

F –Supplies Inventory

Supplies inventory consists of non-resale paper, postage and office supplies. The Court uses the purchases method to account for its inventory. The amount is stated at cost.

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G – Accrued Annual Leave

Qualified employees accumulate annual leave to a maximum of 240 hours as follows:

Years of Service	Hours Earned Per Pay Period
Day 1 – 3 Years	4.62
Over 3 – 7 Years	5.54
Over 7 – 14 Years	6.46
Over 14 Years	7.39

The maximum accrued annual leave may be carried forward into the beginning of the next calendar year and any excess is lost. When employees terminate, they are compensated for accumulated unpaid annual leave as of the date of termination. Accrued annual leave is recorded as a liability and net changes are recorded as an expenditure in the government-wide financial statements. The fund financial statements and budgetary comparison reports only recognize the compensated absences when payments are made to employees.

H – Accrued Sick Leave

Chapter 150, Laws of 1983 provides for the payment to employees for accumulated sick leave under certain conditions. Employees who have over 600 hours of accumulated sick leave can receive payment for the hours over 600 up to 120 hours in a fiscal year. However, the sick leave will be paid at fifty percent of the employee’s regular hourly wage. At retirement, employees can receive fifty percent payment for up to 400 hours for the hours over 600 hours of accumulated sick leave. Employees who terminate receive no payment for accumulated sick leave. Therefore, the only sick leave which has been accrued represents the hours earned at the end of the fiscal year over 600 hours. Expenditures for accumulated sick pay for hours under 600 hours will be recognized as employees take such absences. Accrued vested sick pay is recorded as a liability and net changes are recorded as expenditures in the government-wide financial statements. For fund financial statements and budgetary reporting the expenditure is only recognized when payments are made to employees.

I – Capital Assets

In the government-wide financial statements, fixed assets are accounted for as capital assets. All capital assets are valued at historical cost, or estimated historical cost if actual is unavailable, except for donated capital assets are recorded at their estimated fair value at the date of donation. Capital assets with a value exceeding \$5,000 are capitalized and depreciated. The legislature enacted HB 1074 during a recent Legislative Session, changing the “Audit Act” capitalization threshold for movable chattel and equipment from items costing more than \$1,000 to items costing more than \$5,000.

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Depreciation is provided over the assets' estimated useful lives using the straight-line method of depreciation. The range of estimated useful lives by type of asset is as follows:

Building and improvements	7-10 years
Vehicles	10 years
Information technology equipment	5-25 years
Furniture and fixtures	7-75 years

In the fund financial statements and budgetary comparisons, capital assets used in governmental fund operation are accounted for as capital outlay expenditures of the governmental fund upon acquisition.

The District Court's library is held for education and research, protected, kept unencumbered, preserved, and consists of all individual items with a value less than the capitalization threshold; Therefore the library is not reported as a capital asset.

J – Intergovernmental Receivables and Deferred Revenue

Intergovernmental Receivables include amounts due from grantors for grants for specific programs and capital projects. Program grants and capital grants are recorded as receivables and revenues at the time reimbursable projects costs are incurred. Revenues received in advance of project costs being incurred would be deferred revenue.

K – Due to State General Fund for Reversions

State General Fund appropriations are reverting appropriations and special revenue funds revenues are non-reverting. State General Fund appropriations that are not encumbered at year end and are not spent by July 31 following the year-end are considered reverting. Reverting amounts are recorded as a payable to the State General Fund and as an "other financing use" at year-end.

L – Cost of Operations Not Included in Statements

The local Counties provide for the cost of building space, security and related expenses to the District Court.

M – Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

N – Net Position or Fund Equity

Governmental funds report fund balance classifications that comprise a hierarchy based primarily on the extent to which the government is bound to honor constraints on the specific purposes for which amounts in those funds can be spent. The classifications used in the

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governmental fund financial statements are as follows:

Nonspendable: Consists of amounts that cannot be spent because they are either (a) not in spendable form or (b) legally or contractually required to be maintained intact.

Restricted: Consists of amounts that are restricted to specific purposes as a result of a) externally imposed by creditors (such as through debt covenants), grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments; or b) imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.

Committed: Consist of amounts that can only be used for specific purposes pursuant to constraints imposed by formal action of the government's highest level of decision-making authority. Those committed amounts cannot be used for any other purpose unless the government removes or changes the specified use by taking the same type of action (for example, legislation, resolution, ordinance) it employed to previously commit those amounts.

Assigned: Consist of amounts that are constrained by the government's *intent* to be used for specific purposes, but are neither restricted nor committed. Intent should be expressed by (a) the governing body itself or (b) a body (a budget or finance committee, for example) or official to which the governing body has delegated the authority to assign amounts to be used for specific purposes.

Unassigned: Represents fund balance that has not been assigned to other funds and that has not been restricted, committed, or assigned to specific purposes within the general fund.

The Court would typically use restricted fund balances first, followed by committed resources, and then assigned resources, as appropriate opportunities arise, but reserves the right to selectively spend unassigned resources first to defer the use of these other classified funds.

In the government-wide financial statements, fund equity is classified as Net Position and is displayed in three components:

Invested in capital assets: Consists of capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation and reduced by outstanding debt. The District Court has no outstanding debt relating to capital assets.

Restricted: Consists of assets that are restricted to specific purposes reduced by liabilities and deferred inflows related to those assets as a result of a) externally imposed by creditors (such as through debt covenants), grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments; or b) imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation

Unrestricted: Consists of all other assets reduced by liabilities and deferred inflows related to those assets that do not meet the definition of "restricted" or "invested in capital assets".

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NOTE 2 – Cash and Investments

At June 30, 2017, cash consisted of the following checking accounts:

	Type	Interest Bearing	Bank Balance	Book Balance
Agency Funds:				
Bank of Clovis – Trust	Checking		\$ 326,357	\$ 324,886
Bank of Clovis – Litigant	Checking	X	533,740	533,740
Wells Fargo – State Treasurer	Checking		-	-
Total			\$ <u>860,097</u>	\$ <u>858,626</u>

Custodial Credit Risk – Custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of a bank failure the Court’s deposits may not be returned. Currently all of the above listed accounts are either insured or collateral has been pledged by the financial institution for amounts exceeding FDIC insurance.

The Following is a schedule of pledged collateral:

Name of Depository	Description of Pledged Collateral	Fair Market Value 6/30/2017	Name and Location of Safekeeper
Plains Capital Bank	Grant Gross Recpts NM 34, CUSIP 387770CA6, 3.63%, 07/01/34	\$ <u>817,389</u>	TIB

NOTE 3 – State Treasurer General Fund Investment Pool

State law (Section 8-6-3 NMSA 1978) requires the Court’s cash be managed by the New Mexico State Treasurer’s Office. Accordingly, the investments of the Court consist of an interest in the General Fund Investment Pool managed by the New Mexico State Treasurer’s Office.

At June 30, 2017 the Court had the following invested in the General Fund Investment Pool:

	Share Fund #	Maturity	Account Balance	Fair Value
General Fund	14900	1 day	\$ 179,572	\$ 179,572
Mediation Fund	84700	1 day	69,513	69,513
Alternative Dispute Resolution Fund	68330	1 day	16,530	16,530
Child Support Hearing Officer Fund	92700	1 day	(20,291)	(20,291)
Total Governmental Funds			\$ <u>228,794</u>	\$ <u>228,794</u>

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Interest Rate Risk - The New Mexico State Treasurer's Office has an investment policy that limits investment maturities to five years or less on allowable investments. This policy is the means of managing exposure to fair value losses arising from increasing interest rates. This policy is reviewed and approved annually by the New Mexico State Board of Finance.

Credit risk - The New Mexico State Treasurer pools are not rated.

For additional GASB 40 disclosure information regarding cash held by the New Mexico State Treasurer, the reader should see the separate audit report for the New Mexico State Treasurer's Office for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2017.

NOTE 4 – Capital Assets

Capital asset activity for the year ended June 30, 2017 was as follows:

	Balance 2016	Additions	Deletions	Balance 2017
Capital assets depreciated:				
Building and improvements	\$ 53,779	-	-	\$ 53,779
Auto and trucks	279,049	-	-	279,049
Information technology equipment	171,566	10,452	3,468	178,550
Furniture and fixtures	39,104	-	1,095	38,009
Total Capital assets depreciated	<u>543,498</u>	<u>10,452</u>	<u>4,563</u>	<u>549,387</u>
Less accumulated depreciation for:				
Building and improvements	5,201	6,182	-	11,383
Auto and trucks	163,725	18,181	-	181,906
Information technology equipment	146,711	8,135	3,468	151,378
Furniture and fixtures	31,818	2,129	1,095	32,852
Total accumulated Depreciation	<u>347,455</u>	<u>34,627</u>	<u>4,563</u>	<u>377,519</u>
Total capital assets, net	<u>\$ 196,043</u>	<u>(24,175)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>\$ 171,868</u>

Current depreciation expense is \$34,627.

NOTE 5 – Due from Other State Agencies

The following is due to the Child Support Hearing Officer Fund #92700:

<u>Agency Name</u>	<u>Agency / SHARE Number</u>	<u>Amount</u>
HSD Child Support Enforcement Division	63000 / 05200	\$74,097

The amount due is for child support hearing officer services.

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NOTE 6 – Compensated Absences

The following is a summary of changes in compensated absences:

	Balance 6/30/16	Additions	Deletions	Balance 6/30/17	Due within One Year
Compensated Absences	\$ 120,086	163,647	143,660	\$ 140,073	\$ 125,697

Compensated absences are liquidated with available financial resources out of the general fund. The State of NM does not budget in the current year, funds to pay any portion of the compensated absence liability at the end of the year; therefore, the current portion of compensated absences is not recorded in the fund financial statements. The Court has no other debt.

NOTE 7 – Operating Leases

The District Court has operating leases for various office equipment as well as office space. The leases have terms that vary from four to five years and are payable on a monthly or quarterly basis. Each individual lease can be terminated due to lack of funding from the legislature with no penalty to the District Court. The Court paid \$33,220 in lease payments during the year ended June 30, 2017. Minimum future rental payments under operating leases having terms in excess of one year as of June 30, 2017, and for the next five years and in the aggregate are:

2018	\$ 32,447
2019	20,028
2020	5,356
2021	4,017
2022	-
Total	<u>\$ 61,848</u>

NOTE 8 – Pension Plan - Public Employees Retirement Association

Compliant with the requirements of Government Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 68, Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions, the State of New Mexico has implemented the standard for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017.

The Court, as part of the primary government of the State of New Mexico, is a contributing employer to a cost-sharing multiple employer defined benefit pension plan administered by the Public Employees Retirement Association (PERA). Disclosure requirements for governmental funds apply to the primary government as a whole, and as such, this information will be presented in the Component Appropriation Funds Annual Financial Report (General Fund) and the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) of the State of New Mexico.

Information concerning the net pension liability, pension expense, and pension-related deferred inflows and outflows of resources of the primary government will be contained in the

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General Fund and the CAFR and will be available, when issued, from the Office of State Controller, Room 166, Bataan Memorial Building, 407 Galisteo Street, Santa Fe, New Mexico, 87501.

NOTE 9 – Retirement Plan (Judicial Branch)

Compliant with the requirements of Government Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 68, Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions, the State of New Mexico has implemented the standard for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017.

The Court, as part of the primary government of the State of New Mexico, is a single employer defined benefit pension plan (Judicial Retirement) administered by the Public Employees Retirement Association (PERA). Disclosure requirements for governmental funds apply to the primary government as a whole, and as such, this information will be presented in the Component Appropriation Funds Annual Financial Report (General Fund) and the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) of the State of New Mexico.

Information concerning the net pension liability, pension expense, and pension-related deferred inflows and outflows of resources of the primary government will be contained in the General Fund and the CAFR and will be available, when issued, from the Office of State Controller, Room 166, Bataan Memorial Building, 407 Galisteo Street, Santa Fe, New Mexico, 87501.

NOTE 10 – Post-Employment Benefits - State Retiree Health Care Plan

Plan Description. The Ninth Judicial District Court contributes to the New Mexico Retiree Health Care Fund, a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit postemployment healthcare plan administered by the New Mexico Retiree Health Care Authority (RHCA). The RHCA provides health care insurance and prescription drug benefits to retired employees of participating New Mexico government agencies, their spouses, dependents, and surviving spouses and dependents. The RHCA Board was established by the Retiree Health Care Act (Chapter 10, Article 7C, NMSA 1978). The Board is responsible for establishing and amending benefit provisions of the healthcare plan and is also authorized to designate optional and/or voluntary benefits like dental, vision, supplemental life insurance, and long-term care policies.

Eligible retirees are: 1) retirees who make contributions to the fund for at least five years prior to retirement and whose eligible employer during that period of time made contributions as a participant in the RHCA plan on the person's behalf unless that person retires before the employer's RHCA effective date, in which event the time period required for employee and employer contributions shall become the period of time between the employer's effective date and the date of retirement; 2) retirees defined by the Act who retired prior to July 1, 1990; 3) former legislators who served at least two years; and 4) former governing authority members who served at least four years.

The RHCA issues a publicly available stand-alone financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information for the postemployment healthcare plan.

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That report and further information can be obtained by writing to the Retiree Health Care Authority at 4308 Carlisle NE, Suite 104, Albuquerque, NM 87107.

Funding Policy. The Retiree Health Care Act (Section 10-7C-13 NMSA 1978) authorizes the RHCA Board to establish the monthly premium contributions that retirees are required to pay for healthcare benefits. Each participating retiree pays a monthly premium according to a service based subsidy rate schedule for the medical plus basic life plan plus an additional participation fee of five dollars if the eligible participant retired prior to the employer's RHCA effective date or is a former legislator or former governing authority member. Former legislators and governing authority members are required to pay 100% of the insurance premium to cover their claims and the administrative expenses of the plan. The monthly premium rate schedule can be obtained from the RHCA or viewed on their website at www.nmrhca.state.nm.us.

The employer, employee and retiree contributions are required to be remitted to the RHCA on a monthly basis. The statutory requirements for the contributions can be changed by the New Mexico State Legislature. Employers that choose to become participating employers after January, 1998, are required to make contribution to the RHCA fund in the amount to be appropriate by the Board.

The Retiree Health Care Act (Section 10-7C-15 NMSA 1978) is the statutory authority that establishes the required contributions of participating employers and their employees. For employees that were members of an enhanced retirement plan (state police and adult correctional officer member coverage plan 1; municipal police member coverage plans 3, 4 or 5; municipal fire member coverage plan 3, 4 or 5; municipal detention officer member coverage plan 1; and members pursuant to the Judicial Retirement Act) during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2017, the statute required each participating employer to contribute 2.5% of each participating employee's annual salary; and each participating employee was required to contribute 1.25% of their salary. For employees that were not members of an enhanced retirement plan during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2017, the statute required each participating employer to contribute 2% of each participating employee's annual salary; each participating employee was required to contribute 1% of their salary. In addition, pursuant to section 10-7C-15 (G) NMSA 1978 at the first session of the Legislature following July 1, 2017, the Legislature shall review and adjust the distribution pursuant to Section 7-1-6.1 NMSA 1978 and the employer and employee contributions to the authority in order to ensure the actuarial soundness of the benefits provided under the Retiree Health Care Act.

The Court's contributions to the RHCA for the years ended June 30, 2017, 2016 and 2015 were \$54,567, \$56,319 and \$55,249, respectively, which equal the required contributions for each year.

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NOTE 12 – Risk of Loss

The Ninth Judicial District Court is exposed to various risk of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, or destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees or others; or acts of God. The District Court is insured through Risk Management Division of the General Services Department, which is accounted for as an internal service fund of the State of New Mexico. In general, Risk Management Division responds to suits against the state and state agencies; manages fund to provide unemployment compensation, tort liability insurance, workman's compensation, and general and property insurance, and attempts to reduce the number of suits against the state and state agencies through the risk management process. However, the Court would not be liable for more than the annual premiums.

NOTE 13 – Evaluation of Subsequent Events

The Court has evaluated subsequent events through October 30, 2017, which is the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FIDUCIARY ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
For the Year Ended June 30, 2017

	<u>Beginning Balance</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Deletions</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>
ASSETS				
Cash in Bank:				
State Treasurer Account	\$ -	321,487	321,487	\$ -
Trust Accounts	515,775	880,071	537,220	858,626
	<u>\$ 515,775</u>	<u>1,201,558</u>	<u>858,707</u>	<u>\$ 858,626</u>
LIABILITIES				
Due to State Treasurer	\$ -	321,487	321,487	\$ -
Due to Litigants	515,775	880,071	537,220	858,626
	<u>\$ 515,775</u>	<u>1,201,558</u>	<u>858,707</u>	<u>\$ 858,626</u>

SCHEDULE OF OPERATING TRANSFERS
For the Year Ended June 30, 2017

<u>SHARE FUND</u>	<u>TITLE</u>	<u>TRANSFER</u>	
		<u>In</u>	<u>Out</u>
(1) 85300	Department of Finance & Administration	\$ 3,322,100	\$ -
(2) 13900	Administrative Office of the Courts	83,496	-
(1) 14900	FY 2017 Reversion	-	709
Total		<u>\$ 3,405,596</u>	<u>\$ 709</u>

(1) Laws of 2016, 52nd Legislature, Second Session, Chapter 11

(2) CASA & Water Appropriation, Laws of 2016, Section 2, Chapter 11, Section 4, Item (a) and (c)

Independent Auditor's Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters Based on an Audit of Financial Statements Performed in Accordance With *Government Auditing Standards*

Timothy Keller, New Mexico State Auditor
and
Honorable Drew D. Tatum, Presiding Judge
Ninth Judicial District Court
Clovis, New Mexico

We have audited in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, the aggregate remaining fund information, and the budgetary comparisons for the general fund and major special revenue funds of the State of New Mexico Ninth Judicial District Court (Court), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2017, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Court's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated October 30, 2017.

Internal Control over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the Court's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) to determine the audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Court's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Court's internal control.

A *deficiency in internal control* exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct misstatements on a timely basis. A *material weakness* is a deficiency, or combination of deficiencies, in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the Court's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis. A *significant deficiency* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet is important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

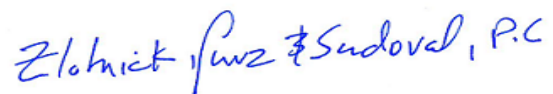
Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Court's financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

Purpose of this Report

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Court's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.



Zlotnick, Laws & Sandoval, P.C.

October 30, 2017

SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND RESPONSES

June 30, 2017

Current Year's Findings

None

Status of Prior Year's Findings

None

OTHER DISCLOSURES

June 30, 2017

Auditor Prepared Financials

Zlotnick, Laws & Sandoval, PC assisted in the preparation of the financial statements presented in this report. Management is responsible for the financial statements. The Court's management has reviewed and approved the financial statements and related notes and they believe that their records adequately support the financial statements.

Exit Conference

The contents of this report were discussed on October 24, 2017. The following individuals were in attendance:

Ninth Judicial District Court

Honorable Drew D. Tatum, Chief District Judge, Division II
Kevin Spears, Court Executive Officer
Jo Ann M. Navares, Chief Financial Officer

Zlotnick, Laws & Sandoval, PC

Asa Laws, CPA
Brian Laws, CPA