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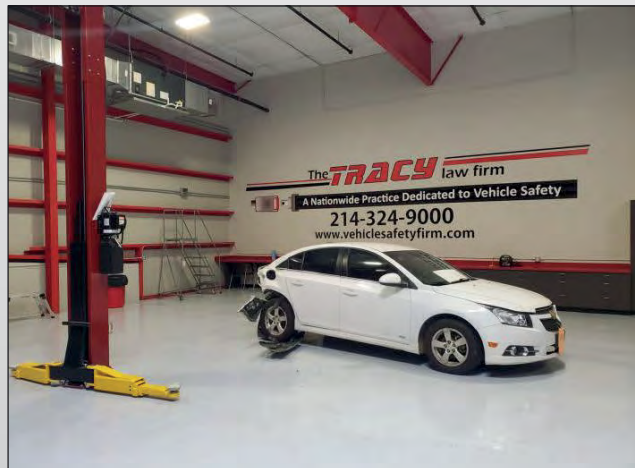
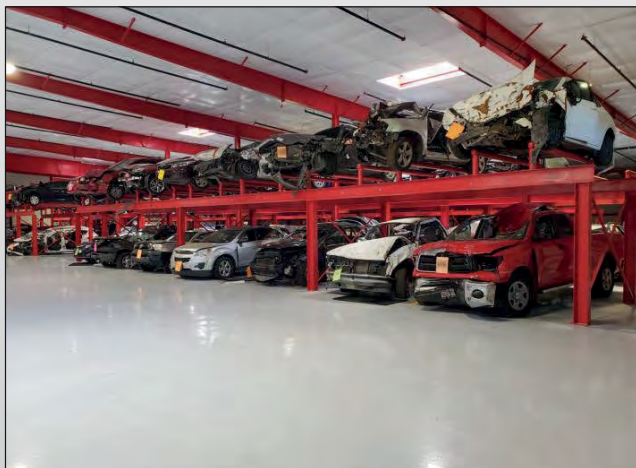
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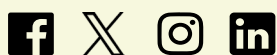
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New Mexico Supreme Court Administrative Orders Regarding Provisional Amendments to Pretrial Release Rules and Competency Cases in the Metropolitan Court

Administrative Order Regarding the Provisional Amendment of Rules 5-401, 5-403, 6-401, 6-403, 7-401, 7-403, 8-401, and 8-403 NMRA

The Supreme Court issued Order No. S-1-AO-2025-00013 on July 29, 2025, which approved provisional amendments regarding pretrial release to Rules 5-401, 5-403, 6-401, 6-403, 7-401, 7-403, 8-401, and 8-403 NMRA. The administrative order is available on the Court's website at <https://supremecourt.nmcourts.gov/rules-forms-files/administrative-orders/>.

Administrative Order Regarding the Suspension of Rule 7-507.1 NMRA and Criminal Competency Proceedings in the Metropolitan Court

The Supreme Court also issued Order No. S-1-AO-2025-00014 on July 29, 2025, which suspended Rule 7-507.1 NMRA, following recent statutory changes, and requires criminal competency proceedings in the metropolitan court to be governed by Rule 6-507.1 NMRA. The administrative order is available on the Court's website at <https://supremecourt.nmcourts.gov/rules-forms-files/administrative-orders/>.

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Supreme Court of New Mexico Announces the Conclusion of its 2024-2025 Term and the Commencement of the 2025-2026 Term

At its February 2024 administrative conference, the Supreme Court of New Mexico approved sitting in terms. The Court's first term began in the Fall of 2024 and concluded on July 15, 2025, with the Court having resolved all 59 cases submitted since September 2024. In addition to resolving the 59 term cases, the Court also disposed of 39 non-term cases. In total, the Court filed dispositions in 98 cases from September 2024 to July 15, 2025.

The 2025-2026 Term will begin this fall, with oral arguments in the months of September, October, and December. Dispositions for all cases submitted during the Court's 2025-2026 Term will be filed on or before July 15, 2026. For the current Supreme Court oral argument schedule, please visit the Court's website at <https://supremecourt.nmcourts.gov/about-this-court/court-calendar-and-oral-argument-livestream/>. The Court will continue to set expedited appeals in accordance with Supreme Court Order No. 23-8500-016, In the Matter of the Modification of the Policy Expediting the Process for Specific Categories of Case upon the Issuance of Writ of Certiorari.

The following cases will be submitted this term:

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| 1. <i>State v. Hayhurst</i> , S-1-SC-40183 | 21. <i>Burns v. Presbyterian Healthcare Serv.</i> , S-1-SC-40434 | 40. <i>State v. Garcia</i> , S-1-SC-40626 |
| 2. <i>State v. Valdez</i> , S-1-SC-40228 | 22. <i>Moreno v. Ranger Energy Services</i> , S-1-SC-40442 | 41. <i>City of Las Cruces v. N.M. Pub. Regul. Comm'n</i> , S-1-SC-40636 |
| 3. <i>State v. Aragon, Jr.</i> , S-1-SC-40256 | 23. <i>State v. Morgan</i> , S-1-SC-40449 | 42. <i>State v. Hubbard</i> , S-1-SC-40649 |
| 4. <i>State v. Chavez</i> , S-1-SC-40266 | 24. <i>State v. Benavidez</i> , S-1-SC-40452 | 43. <i>State v. Flores</i> , S-1-SC-40650 |
| 5. <i>El Paso Electric Co. v. N.M. Pub. Regul. Comm'n</i> , S-1-SC-40286 | 25. <i>State v. Griego</i> , S-1-SC-40457 | 44. <i>Albuquerque J. v. Bd. of Educ. of Albuquerque Pub. Sch.</i> , S-1-SC-40671 |
| 6. <i>State v. Lopez</i> , S-1-SC-40306 | 26. <i>State v. Aguilar</i> , S-1-SC-40460 | 45. <i>State v. Salazar</i> , S-1-SC-40696 |
| 7. <i>New Energy Economy, Inc., v. N.M. Pub. Regul. Comm'n</i> , S-1-SC-40307 | 27. <i>State v. Ricoy</i> , S-1-SC-40471 | 46. <i>State v. De La O</i> , S-1-SC-40702 |
| 8. <i>State v. Eaker</i> , S-1-SC-40308 | 28. <i>Amer. C.L. Union of N.M. v. N.M. Corr. Dep't</i> , S-1-SC-40473 | 47. <i>Murphy v. O'Reilly Auto. Stores, Inc.</i> , S-1-SC-40703 |
| 9. <i>State v. Malizewski</i> , S-1-SC-40312 | 29. <i>State v. Salinas</i> , S-1-SC-40474 | 48. <i>Franklin v. Martinez</i> , S-1-SC-40715 |
| 10. <i>State v. Trujillo</i> , S-1-SC-40328 | 30. <i>State v. Trevizo</i> , S-1-SC-40478 | 49. <i>State v. Sanders</i> , S-1-SC-40725 |
| 11. <i>State v. Romero</i> , S-1-SC-40337 | 31. <i>State v. Ward</i> , S-1-SC-40503 | 50. <i>State v. Urquidi-Martinez</i> , S-1-SC-40730 |
| 12. <i>State v. Almentero</i> , S-1-SC-40349 | 32. <i>State v. Villalobos</i> , S-1-SC-40535 | 51. <i>State v. Syed</i> , S-1-SC-40732 |
| 13. <i>State v. Gallegos, Jr.</i> , S-1-SC-40351 | 33. <i>Ferlic v. Lovelace Health Sys., L.L.C.</i> , S-1-SC-40580 | 52. <i>State v. Causey</i> , S-1-SC-40763 |
| 14. <i>Martinez v. Galles Chevrolet Co.</i> , S-1-SC-40357 | 34. <i>State v. Maldonado</i> , S-1-SC-40588 | 53. <i>State v. Cuellar</i> , S-1-SC-40793 |
| 15. <i>State v. Kindred</i> , S-1-SC-40395 | 35. <i>State v. Paschall</i> , S-1-SC-40590 | 54. <i>State v. Castrillo, IV</i> , S-1-SC-40801 |
| 16. <i>State v. Munford</i> , S-1-SC-40399 | 36. <i>State v. Freeman</i> , S-1-SC-40593 | |
| 17. <i>State v. Mendez</i> , S-1-SC-40404 | 37. <i>State v. Cerna</i> , S-1-SC-40598 | |
| 18. <i>State v. Neal</i> , S-1-SC-40407 | 38. <i>State v. Eaker</i> , S-1-SC-40604 | |
| 19. <i>State v. Skeets</i> , S-1-SC-40418 | 39. <i>Butterworth v. Jackson</i> , S-1-SC-40623 | |
| 20. <i>State v. Schuster</i> , S-1-SC-40419 | | |

Cases set for oral argument will be scheduled approximately four (4) weeks in advance and will be assigned a date in September, October, or December 2025. Additionally, the Court will hear *Butterworth v. Jackson*, S-1-SC-40623, as part of its Rule of Law Program in Farmington at the San Juan College, Henderson Fine Arts Center. For additional information, please visit our website: <https://supremecourt.nmcourts.gov/services-programs/rule-of-law-program/>. Any case submitted during the term but not set for oral argument will be submitted on the briefs only.

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August 26

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WEBINAR

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September 5

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September 11

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September 25

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No. A-1-CA-41488

STATE OF NEW MEXICO,

Plaintiff-Appellee,

v.

VON MARQUEZ a/k/a VON P. MARQUEZ

a/k/a VON PAUL MARQUEZ,

Defendant-Appellant.

APPEAL FROM THE DISTRICT COURT OF SAN JUAN COUNTY

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Santa Fe, NM

for Appellant

► Introduction of Opinion

Defendant Von Marquez appeals the district court's denial of his motion to suppress evidence obtained from a warrantless search of his backpack. The district court concluded that the arresting officers conducted a valid inventory search. On appeal, Defendant argues that the district court erred because the State's justification for inventorying the contents of the backpack does not suffice under the Fourth Amendment of the United States Constitution and Article II, Section 10 of the New Mexico Constitution. In response, the State focuses on its argument—made for the first time on appeal—that Defendant lacks standing to challenge the search because he denied owning the backpack and because he abandoned the backpack before his arrest by leaving it in an apartment in which he did not reside. The State also argues that even if Defendant had standing, the inventory search was reasonable because of the officers' safety concerns. **View full PDF online.**

Zachary A. Ives, Judge

WE CONCUR:

Jacqueline R. Medina, Chief Judge

Katherine A. Wray, Judge

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MEMORANDUM OPINION

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No. A-1-CA-41504

Gustavo Davila

v.

Milton Jeff

Introduction of Opinion

Plaintiffs, Gustavo Davila and Graciela Davila, appeal the district court's order granting summary judgment in favor of Defendants Milton Jeff (Jeff), MVT Services, LLC, OEP Holdings, LLC, Penske Truck Leasing Co. L.P., MVT Leasing, LLC, and John Does 1-10 (collectively, Defendants). We agree with the district court's rulings that: (1) Plaintiffs were required to but did not provide expert testimony to establish either (a) causation for the tire disablement, or (b) the standard of care asserted by Plaintiffs for responding to a commercial vehicle tire disablement; and (2) the statutes identified by Plaintiffs to support the claim for negligence per se did not meet the required criteria. As a result, we affirm.

Katherine A. Wray, Judge

WE CONCUR:

Jennifer L. Attrep, Judge

Zachary A. Ives, Judge

To read the entire opinion,
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No. A-1-CA-40789

State of New Mexico

v.

Gabriel Rodriguez

Introduction of Opinion

Defendant Gabriel Rodriguez appeals his convictions for kidnapping, contrary to NMSA 1978, Section 30-4-1 (2003); assault on a peace officer – attempted battery, contrary to NMSA 1978, Section 30-22-21(A)(1) (1971); escape or attempt to escape from jail, contrary to NMSA 1978, Section 30-22-8 (1963); and conspiracy to escape or attempt to escape from jail, contrary to Section 30-22-8 and NMSA 1978, Section 30-28-2 (1979). As a result of these convictions, the district court sentenced Defendant to just under forty-six years of incarceration, less one year and eight months, with twenty-five days of presentence confinement credit, plus four years of parole. **View full PDF online.**

Shammara H. Henderson, Judge
WE CONCUR:

Jennifer L. Attrep, Judge

Gerald E. Baca, Judge

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No. A-1-CA-40917

State of New Mexico

v.

Matthew Fuentez

Introduction of Opinion

Defendant Matthew Fuentez appeals his convictions for one count of second-degree murder, contrary to NMSA 1978, Section 30-2-1(B) (1994); and five counts of child abuse by endangerment (no death or great bodily harm), contrary to NMSA 1978, Section 30-6-1(D)(1) (2009). On appeal, Defendant argues that the district court erred in admitting hearsay statements and instructing the jury with UJI 14-5021 NMRA. Additionally, Defendant argues that the State presented insufficient evidence to sustain his convictions and that his five convictions for child abuse violate principles of double jeopardy. We conclude that any error made by the district court in admitting the hearsay statements was harmless. **View full PDF online.**

Shammara H. Henderson, Judge
WE CONCUR:

J. Miles Hanisee, Judge

Zachary A. Ives, Judge

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No. A-1-CA-41433
State of New Mexico
v.
Arthur F. Shirley, Jr.

Introduction of Opinion

Defendant Arthur Shirley, Jr., was charged in magistrate court with second-offense driving while under the influence of intoxicating liquor or drugs (DWI), contrary to NMSA 1978, Section 66-8-102(C) (1) (2016). Following a bench trial on stipulated facts in the magistrate court, Defendant was convicted of first-offense DWI, contrary to Section 66-8-102(C) (1). Defendant appealed to the district court. At a de novo bench trial in district court, Defendant was again convicted of DWI and sentenced, this time for third-offense DWI, pursuant to Section 66-8-102(F)(2). Defendant appeals to this Court. **View full PDF online.**

Gerald E. Baca, Judge

WE CONCUR:

Jennifer L. Attrep, Judge

Shammara H. Henderson, Judge

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No. A-1-CA-41293
State of New Mexico
v.
Billy Martin

Introduction of Opinion

In the early morning hours of March 20, 2022, an officer employed by the Gallup Police Department was dispatched to a gas station in Gallup, New Mexico in reference to a domestic dispute. In the course of his investigation of the domestic dispute, the officer made contact with Defendant Billy Martin. As a result of his contact with Defendant, the officer's investigation expanded to determine whether Defendant was driving while under the influence of intoxicating liquor or drugs (DWI). Based on his observations of Defendant and the results of a series of standardized field sobriety tests administered to Defendant, the officer arrested Defendant for DWI.

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Gerald E. Baca, Judge

WE CONCUR:

Megan P. Duffy, Judge

Shammara H. Henderson, Judge

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No. A-1-CA-41204
Kenneth Stockton
v.
C.E. "Buddy" Stockton

Introduction of Opinion

Defendants C.E. "Buddy" Stockton, Charlene Shelley (Buddy's daughter), and Jerrell A. Shelley (Buddy's grandson and Charlene's son) (collectively, Defendants) appeal the district court's judgment voiding Buddy's conveyance to Jerrell of all assets of the Stockton Family Trust (the Trust), a trust created by Buddy and his wife Barbara Stockton, which named Buddy and Barbara as the original Trust beneficiaries during their lifetimes, as well as the conveyance to Jerrell of all of Buddy and Barbara's community assets not held in the Trust. **View full PDF online.**

Jane B. Yohalem, Judge

WE CONCUR:

Jacqueline R. Medina, Chief Judge

Gerald E. Baca, Judge

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No. A-1-CA-41240*
State of New Mexico
v.
Brenton Rael

Introduction of Opinion

The opinion filed May 27, 2025, is hereby withdrawn, and this opinion is substituted in its place, following Appellee's timely motion for rehearing, which this Court has denied. A jury convicted Defendant of one count of kidnapping in the first degree, contrary to NMSA 1978, Section 30-4-1(A)(4) (2003); one count of battery, contrary to NMSA 1978, Section 30-3-4 (1963); one count of aggravated assault with intent to kill, contrary to NMSA 1978, Section 30-3-3 (1977); one count of attempted murder in the first degree, contrary to NMSA 1978, Sections 30-28-1 (1963, amended 2024) and 30-2-1(A)(1) (1994); **View full PDF online.**

Jacqueline R. Medina, Chief Judge
WE CONCUR:

J. Miles Hanisee, Judge
Katherine A. Wray, Judge

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No. A-1-CA-41554
State of New Mexico
v.
Crystal Sanchez

Introduction of Opinion

In this appeal Defendant Crystal Sanchez argues that the district court failed to apply a statutory presumption of bad faith, and to suppress police officer testimony based on the failure to wear a body-worn camera as required by NMSA 1978, Section 29-1-18 (2020, amended 2023)¹ during the execution of a search warrant that resulted in Defendant being charged with one count each of trafficking fentanyl (possession with intent to distribute), trafficking methamphetamine (possession with the intent to distribute), and trafficking cocaine (possession with the intent to distribute). Finding no error, we affirm.

Gerald E. Baca, Judge
WE CONCUR:

Jacqueline R. Medina, Chief Judge
Katherine A. Wray, Judge

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No. A-1-CA-41270
AHC of Albuquerque, LLC
v.
Elizabeth Vencill

Dispositional Order

The Estate of Rose Stacy, by its personal representative and attorney of record, Elizabeth Stacy Vencill (collectively, Defendants) appeals from the district court's order partially granting Plaintiff AHC of Albuquerque LLC's motion for summary judgment and the district court's imposition of sanctions short of dismissal upon Plaintiff for failing to disclose an extraneous interaction between a witness and a juror during trial. For the reasons that follow, we affirm the district court's judgment on all claims of error, and remand the case to determine the amount of attorney fees to be awarded to Defendant from Plaintiff arising from the sanction imposed by the district court. Defendant's motion for oral argument is denied. **Read the full dispositional order at the link below.**

Gerald E. Baca, Judge
WE CONCUR:
J. Miles Hanisee, Judge
Megan P. Duffy, Judge

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MEMORANDUM OPINION

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No. A-1-CA-42079
Children, Youth & Families
Department
v.
Jada M.

Dispositional Order

Jada M. (Mother) appeals from the district court's adjudicatory judgment determining that her infant son (Child) is a "neglected child," pursuant to NMSA 1978, Section 32A-4-2(G)(2) (2023) of the Abuse and Neglect Act (describing a "neglected child" as a child without proper parental care and control because of the faults of a parent, or the neglect or refusal of the parent, when able to do so, to provide proper care and control). We note the following: **Read the full dispositional order at the link below.**

Jane B. Yohalem, Judge
WE CONCUR:
Zachary A. Ives, Judge
Shammara H. Henderson, Judge

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No. A-1-CA-42532
State of New Mexico
v.
Maximillian H.

Introduction of Opinion

The State appeals the district court's order suppressing evidence obtained as a result of a warrantless search of M.H.'s (Child) backpack while Child was on the premises of a local public school at which he was a student. The State argues that testimony produced at the suppression hearing establishes that exigent circumstances permitted the initially warrantless intrusion of Child's backpack, and the district court erred in concluding otherwise. We agree with the State and reverse.

J. Miles Hanisee, Judge
WE CONCUR:
Jennifer L. Attrep, Judge
Jane B. Yohalem, Judge

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No. A-1-CA-41510
State of New Mexico
v.
Frank Guerrero

Dispositional Order

Defendant appeals a conviction by a metropolitan court jury for driving while intoxicated (DWI), contrary to NMSA 1978, Section 66-8-102(C)(1) (2016). Criminal cases in the metropolitan court must be brought to trial within 182 days of the latest event listed in Rule 7-506(B) NMRA (2017)1 (the 182-day rule). We refer to the date on which the 182-day rule period expires as the rule date. The issue in the present appeal involves the metropolitan court extending the time for trial past the rule date based "upon withdrawal of a plea or rejection of a plea" under Rule 7-506(C)(4) (2017). **View full PDF online.**

Katherine A. Wray, Judge
WE CONCUR:
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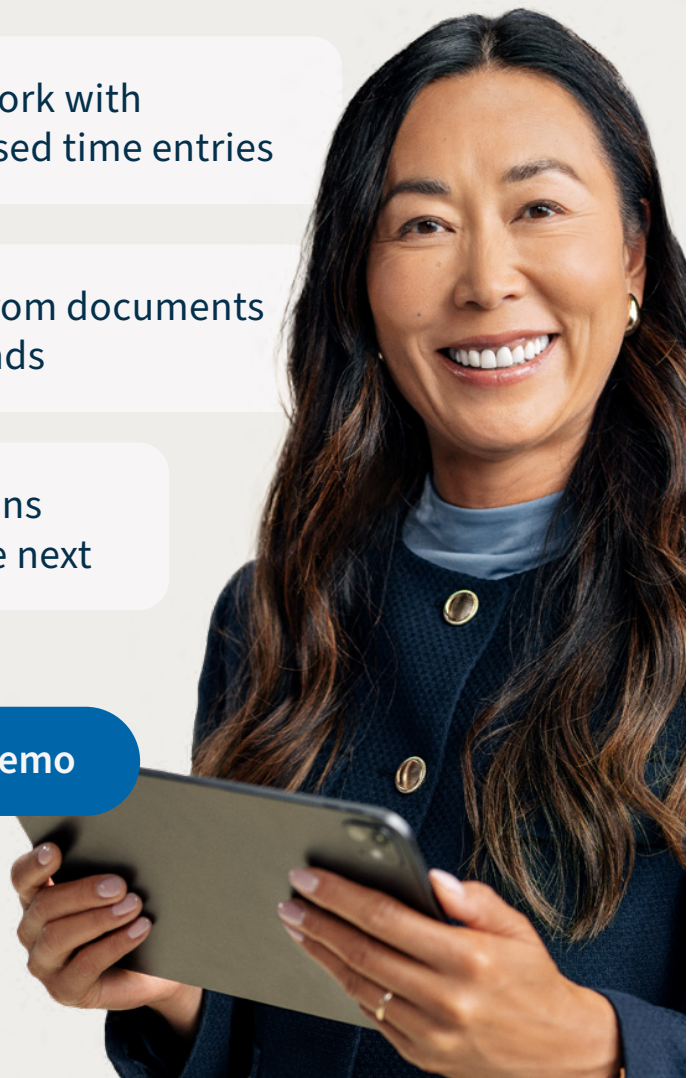


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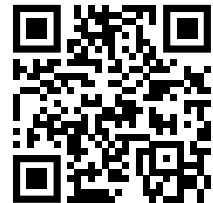
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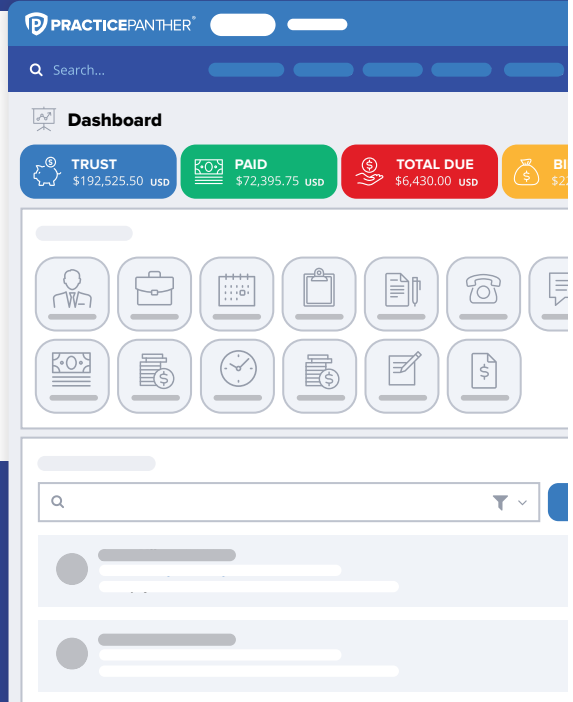


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Job Announcement

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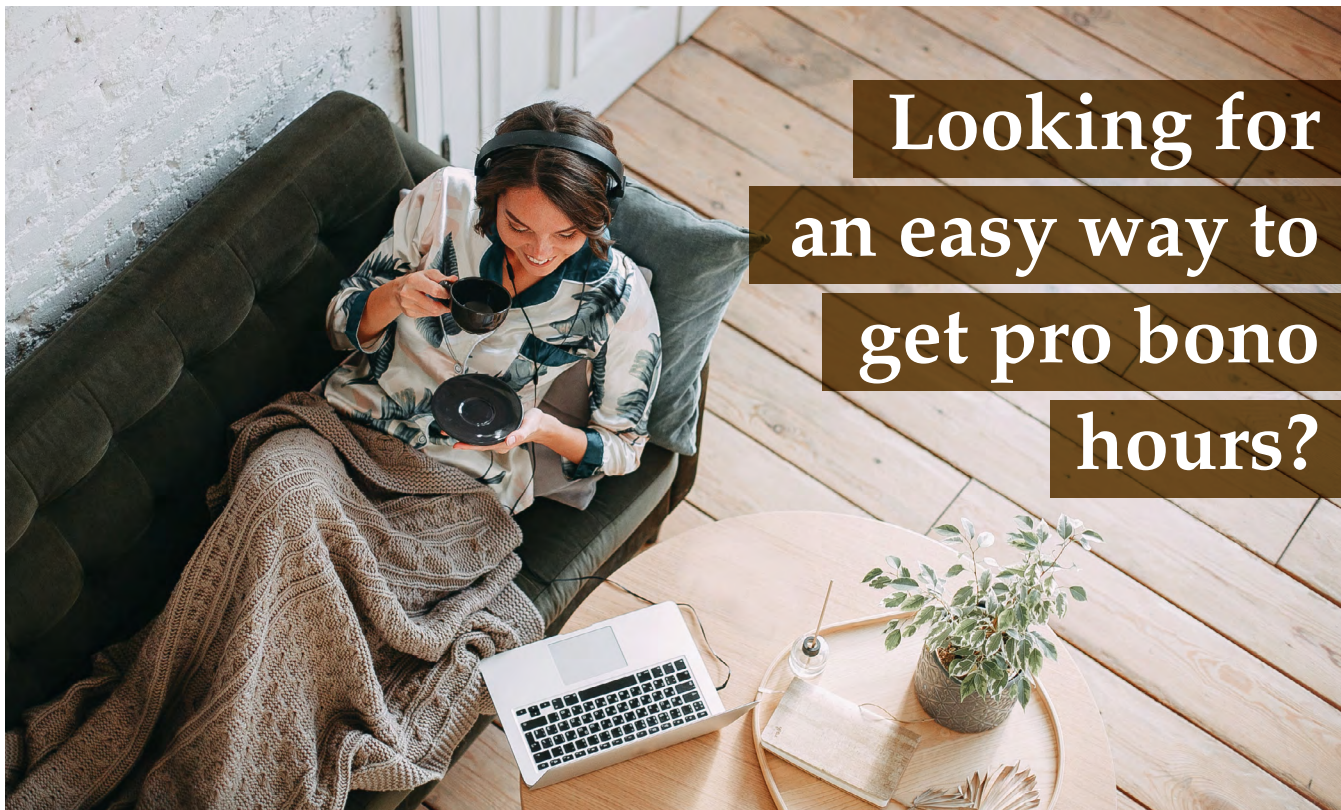
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