



New Mexico Judicial Branch Judicial Officer Compensation for FY2026

Judicial Officers' Fiscal Year 2026 Job Classification & Pay Schedule

Reflecting Approximate Increase of 4%

Spec #	Job Title	Annual Rate	Biweekly Rate	Hourly Rate
9846JB	Chief Justice	\$251,161.12	\$9,660.04	\$120.75
9844JB	Associate Justices *	\$249,161.12	\$9,583.12	\$119.79
9845JB	Chief Court of Appeals	\$238,603.06	\$9,177.04	\$114.71
9843JB	Court of Appeals Judges	\$236,706.06	\$9,103.96	\$113.80
9839JB	Chief District Judge	\$226,672.91	\$8,718.19	\$108.98
9842JB	District Judges	\$224,867.91	\$8,648.77	\$108.11
9565JB	Chief Metro Judge	\$215,339.27	\$8,282.28	\$103.53
9566JB	Metropolitan Judges	\$213,624.52	\$8,216.33	\$102.70
9847JB	Special Commissioners	Up to \$161,904.90	Up to \$6,227.12	Up to \$77.839
9179JB	Child Support Hearing Officers	Up to \$161,904.90	Up to \$6,227.12	Up to \$77.839
1100JB	Domestic Relations Hearing Officers	Up to \$161,904.90	Up to \$6,227.12	Up to \$77.839

Based on 2080 hours.

	Calculation
Chief Justice	+ \$2,000
Associate Justices*	*Target Base per Statute
Chief Court of Appeals	95% of Chief Justice
Court of Appeals Judges	95% of an Associate Justice
Chief District Judge	95% of Chief Court of Appeals Judge
District Judges	95% of Court of Appeals Judge
Chief Metro Judge	95% of Chief District Judge
Metropolitan Judges	95% of District Court Judge
Special Commissioners	Per NM Supreme Court may earn between \$64.866 hrly. - \$77.839 hrly., or \$133,891.68 annually - \$161,904.90 annually. Effective 07/05/2025.
Child Support Hearing Officers	
Domestic Relations Hearing Officers	



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Magistrate Judge Fiscal Year 2026

Job Classification & Pay Schedule

Spec #	Job Title	Annual Rate	Biweekly Rate	Hourly Rate
9841JB	Magistrate Judges	\$132,041.73	\$5,078.53	\$63.48

Based on 2080 hours.

	Calculation
Magistrate Judges	The annual salary for magistrates shall be provided by the legislature in an appropriations act.