

SANTA FE — Set for that long-awaited retirement, Chief Justice Judith K. Nakamura of the New Mexico Supreme Court will have to wait a little longer.

Nakamura announced plans in mid-June to retire effective Aug. 1.

"While representatives from the Public Employees Retirement Association and I worked closely together before I announced my retirement, new information I received from PERA yesterday [June 25] requires that my retirement be postponed," Nakamura said.

"This is certainly not what I planned or expected, but I will use this additional time to continue to make the best legal decisions possible and advance the administration of justice for the benefit of all New Mexicans," she acknowledged.

Justice Nakamura will remain on the Supreme Court until later this year and the Court will elect a new Chief Justice on July 15.