

1 **IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO**

2 **Filing Date: February 11, 2016**

3 **NO. S-1-SC-34884**

4 **INQUIRY CONCERNING A JUDGE**

5 **NO. 2014-094**

6 **IN THE MATTER OF DAVID RAMOS, SR.,**

7 **Municipal Court Judge, City of Hurley, New Mexico**

8 **PUBLIC CENSURE**

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11 Albuquerque, NM

12 for Judicial Standards Commission

13 David Ramos, Sr.

14 Hurley, NM

15 for Respondent

1 **PUBLIC CENSURE**

2 {1} WHEREAS, this matter came on for consideration by the Court upon the
3 Judicial Standards Commission's petition to accept a stipulation agreement and
4 consent to discipline (Stipulation) entered into between the Commission and Hon.
5 David Ramos, Sr., (respondent), who is a municipal court judge in Hurley, New
6 Mexico;

7 {2} WHEREAS, in the Stipulation, respondent admits that on or about June 19,
8 2014, respondent initiated ex parte communications with Grant County Magistrate
9 Judge Maurine Laney – concerning a case that was pending before Judge Laney –
10 in an attempt to personally vouch for the character of the defendant and obtain
11 special treatment for the defendant;

12 {3} WHEREAS, in the Stipulation, respondent admits that he violated Code of
13 Judicial Conduct Rules 21-101, 21-102, 21-103, 21-204(B) and (C), 21-206(A), 21-
14 209(A), 21-210(A), and 21-303 NMRA;

15 {4} WHEREAS, in the Stipulation, respondent consents to imposition of a formal
16 mentorship followed by unsupervised probation for a period of one (1) year and a
17 public censure by the Supreme Court to be published in the New Mexico Bar
18 Bulletin;

19 {5} WHEREAS, upon considering the petition to accept stipulation agreement and

1 consent to discipline and having determined that acceptance of the stipulation is in
2 the best interests of the judiciary and the public, the Court previously granted the
3 petition and ordered respondent to abide by all terms of the Stipulation Agreement
4 and Consent to Discipline;

5 {6} WHEREAS, respondent has successfully completed his formal mentorship and
6 is currently serving his one (1)-year term of unsupervised probation; and

7 {7} WHEREAS, in light of the foregoing, and the Court having considered the
8 stipulation agreement and consent to the imposition of a public censure and being
9 otherwise sufficiently advised, Chief Justice Barbara J. Vigil, Justice Petra Jimenez
10 Maes, Justice Edward L. Chávez, Justice Charles W. Daniels, and Justice Judith K.
11 Nakamura concurring;

12 {8} NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that respondent, Hon. David Ramos,
13 Sr., is hereby issued a PUBLIC CENSURE that shall be published in the *Bar*
14 *Bulletin*.

15 **IT IS SO ORDERED.**

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17 **BARBARA J. VIGIL, Chief Justice**

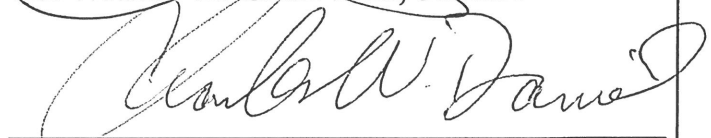
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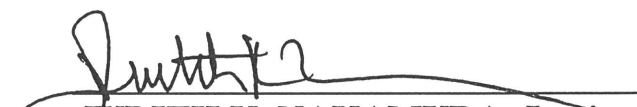
PETRA JIMENEZ MAES, Justice



EDWARD L. CHÁVEZ, Justice



CHARLES W. DANIELS, Justice



JUDITH K. NAKAMURA, Justice