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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO

February 1, 2017

NO. S-1-SC-36274

**INQUIRY CONCERNING A JUDGE
NO. 2016-055**

**IN THE MATTER OF
DARREN KUGLER,
District Judge
Third Judicial District Court**

ORDER

WHEREAS, this matter came on for consideration by the Court upon the Judicial Standards Commission's petition to accept stipulation to permanent resignation from judicial office in lieu of further disciplinary proceedings, the Court having considered the petition and being sufficiently advised, and having determined that acceptance of the stipulation is in the best interests of the judiciary and the public, Chief Justice Charles W. Daniels, Justice Petra Jimenez Maes, Justice Edward L. Chávez, Justice Barbara J. Vigil, and Justice Judith K. Nakamura concurring;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that the petition to accept stipulation to permanent resignation from judicial office in lieu of further

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disciplinary proceedings is GRANTED and the stipulation to permanent resignation from judicial office in lieu of further disciplinary proceedings is APPROVED;

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the resignation that respondent, Darren Kugler, tendered as a district judge of the Third Judicial District Court shall be permanent effective at 5:00 p.m. on February 1, 2017;

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that respondent shall never again hold, become a candidate for, run for, or stand for election to any New Mexico judicial office in the future;

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that respondent shall never seek, accept appointment to, or serve *pro tempore* for any New Mexico judicial office in the future, which includes the posts of judge in municipal court, probate court, magistrate court, metropolitan court, district court, Court of Appeals, and Justice of the Supreme Court;

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that respondent shall never again hold or exercise any judicial authority in the State of New Mexico, to include officiating at weddings; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that all documents filed in this Court in

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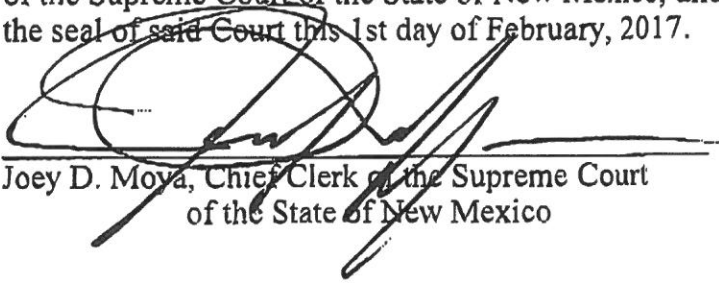
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Inquiry No. 2016-055 are UNSEALED pursuant to Rule 27-104(B) NMRA.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

WITNESS, Honorable Charles W. Daniels, Chief Justice
 of the Supreme Court of the State of New Mexico, and
 the seal of said Court this 1st day of February, 2017.

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