


Joey D. Moya

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

2 **November 5, 2019**

3 **NO. S-1-SC-37984**

4 **INQUIRY CONCERNING A JUDGE,**
5 **Nos. 2018-143 & 2018-146**

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7 **IN THE MATTER OF HON. BENJAMIN HARRISON,**
8 **Hobbs Municipal Court Judge**

9 **ORDER**

10 WHEREAS, this matter came on for consideration by the Court upon the
11 Judicial Standards Commission's petition to accept stipulation to permanent
12 resignation from judicial office in lieu of further disciplinary proceedings, and the
13 Court having considered the petition, having determined that acceptance of the
14 stipulation is in the best interests of the judiciary and the public, and being
15 sufficiently advised; Chief Justice Judith K. Nakamura, Justice Barbara J. Vigil,
16 Justice Michael E. Vigil, Justice C. Shannon Bacon, and Justice David K.
17 Thomson concurring;

18 NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that the petition to accept
19 stipulation to permanent resignation from judicial office in lieu of further
20 disciplinary proceedings is GRANTED, and the stipulation to permanent
21 resignation from judicial office in lieu of further disciplinary proceedings is
22 APPROVED;

23 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the permanent resignation of respondent,
24 Municipal Court Judge Benjamin Harrison, shall be effective as of August 30,

1 2019;

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

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

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

13 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that all documents filed in this Court in
14 Inquiry Nos. 2018-143 & 2018-146 are UNSEALED pursuant to Rule 27-104(B)
15 NMRA.

16 IT IS SO ORDERED.



WITNESS, the Honorable Judith K. Nakamura,
Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the State of
New Mexico, and the seal of said Court this 5th day
of November, 2019.

Joey D. Moya, Chief Clerk of the Supreme Court
of the State of New Mexico

17 I CERTIFY AND ATTEST:
A true copy was served on all parties
or their counsel of record on date filed.
Joey D. Moya
Chief Clerk of the Supreme Court
of the State of New Mexico