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*Jose D. Moya*  
Clerk of the Supreme Court  
of the State of New Mexico

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

2   **January 6, 2016**

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**NM JUDICIAL  
STANDARDS COMMISSION**

3                   **NO. S-1-SC-35625**

4                   **INQUIRY CONCERNING A JUDGE**  
5                   **NO. 2014-143**

6                   **IN THE MATTER OF**  
7                   **HON. CONNIE LEE JOHNSTON,**  
8                   **Magistrate Court Judge,**  
9                   **San Juan County Magistrate Court, Aztec, New Mexico**

10   **ORDER**

11                   WHEREAS, this matter came on for consideration by the Court upon  
12                   verified petition for immediate temporary suspension without pay filed by the  
13                   New Mexico Judicial Standards Commission, and the Court having considered  
14                   said petition and being otherwise sufficiently advised, Chief Justice Barbara J.  
15                   Vigil, Justice Petra Jimenez Maes, Justice Edward L. Chávez, Justice Charles W.  
16                   Daniels, and Justice Judith K. Nakamura concurring;

17                   NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that the petition for the  
18                   immediate temporary suspension of HON. CONNIE LEE JOHNSTON is  
19                   GRANTED and Judge Johnston is TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED, effective  
20                   immediately, until resolution of this Inquiry and further order of this Court;

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IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the petition and other pleadings filed in this Court with regard to Inquiry No. 2015-143 shall remain SEALED until further order of the Court;

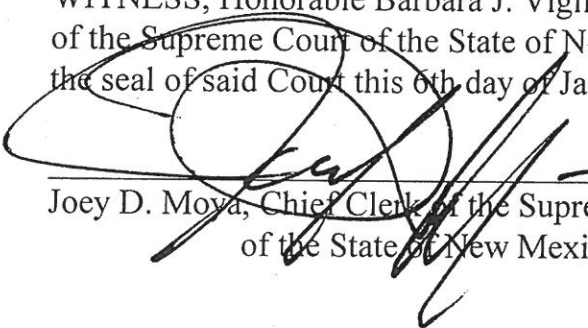
IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Judge Johnston shall file a response to the petition on or before **January 26, 2016**; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that oral argument shall be heard on Wednesday, February 10, 2016, at 1:30 p.m.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

WITNESS, Honorable Barbara J. Vigil, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the State of New Mexico, and the seal of said Court this 6th day of January, 2016.

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Joey D. Moya, Chief Clerk of the Supreme Court  
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