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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO

February 8, 2012

NO. 32,933

INQUIRY CONCERNING A JUDGE NO. 2011-069

IN THE MATTER OF MICHAEL T. MURPHY, Third Judicial District Court Judge, Dona Ana County, New Mexico

ORDER

WHEREAS, this matter came on for consideration by the Court upon motion of the Judicial Standards Commission to accept stipulation to respondent's permanent resignation from judicial office effective February 24, 2012, in lieu of further disciplinary proceedings, the Court having considered said motion, the responses of the parties and having determined that acceptance of the stipulation is in the best interests of the judiciary and the public, and the Court being otherwise sufficiently advised, Chief Justice Charles W. Daniels, Justice Patricio M. Serna, Justice Richard C. Bosson, and Justice Edward L. Chávez concurring, Justice Petra Jimenez Maes recusing;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that the motion is GRANTED and respondent, the Honorable Michael T. Murphy, shall permanently resign from judicial office effective February 24, 2012;

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IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that respondent shall submit duplicate original letters of resignation to the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of New Mexico and the Governor of New Mexico, with a copy to the Commission;

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that upon resignation, 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 all documents filed in this Court in Inquiry No. 2011-069 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 8th day of February, 2012.

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