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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO

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NM JUDICIAL
STANDARDS COMMISSION

NO. 33,633

INQUIRY CONCERNING A JUDGE
NO. 2011-040

IN THE MATTER OF HON. MICHAEL G. RAEL, SR.,
Municipal Judge,
City of Questa, New Mexico

ORDER

WHEREAS, this matter came on for consideration by the Court upon the Judicial Standards Commission's petition to accept stipulation agreement and consent to discipline, the Court having considered said petition 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 Petra Jimenez Maes, Justice Patricio M. Serna, Justice Richard C. Bosson, Justice Edward L. Chávez, and Justice Charles W. Daniels concurring;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that the petition is GRANTED and respondent, Hon. Michael G. Rael, shall abide by all terms of the *Stipulation Agreement and Consent to Discipline*.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that respondent shall comply with the following:

- A. Respondent shall complete a twelve-month supervised probation and formal mentorship. The commission shall recommend a

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probation supervisor/mentor for consideration and appointment by this Court. The probation supervisor/mentor shall report to this Court and the commission on the progress and outcome of the mentorship;

B. Respondent shall attend all sections and complete the National Judicial College's web seminar entitled Special Considerations for the Rural Court Judge beginning October 1, 2012, and shall also attend all sections and complete the National Judicial College's course entitled Ethics, Fairness and Security in Your Courtroom and Community to be held October 22-25, 2012, in Reno, Nevada; and

C. Respondent shall pay all costs, including travel and tuition, associated with attending and completing the courses at the National Judicial College and shall provide proof to the commission that he attended and completed those courses.

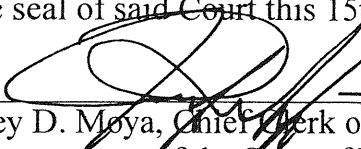
IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that respondent shall receive a PUBLIC CENSURE from this Court for the conducted admitted in the *Stipulation Agreement and Consent to Discipline*, which will be issued at a later date for posting on the New Mexico Compilation Commission web site and publication in the *Bar Bulletin*; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the file is UNSEALED pursuant to Rule 27-104(B) NMRA.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

WITNESS, Honorable Petra Jimenez Maes, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the State of New Mexico, and the seal of said Court this 15th day of June, 2012.

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