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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO

August 1, 2012

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NO. 33,601

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INQUIRY CONCERNING A JUDGE
NO. 2011-035

NM JUDICIAL
STANDARDS COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF STEPHEN S. SALAZAR,
Municipal Judge,
City of Espanola, New Mexico

ORDER

WHEREAS, this matter came on for consideration by the Court upon the Judicial Standards Commission's petition for discipline, certified memorandum of costs, respondent's response, the Commission's reply, and stipulated motion for order, the Court having considered the foregoing pleadings and the oral argument of the parties on July 18, 2012, and being otherwise sufficiently advised, Chief Justice Petra Jimenez Maes, Justice Patricio M. Serna, Justice Edward L. Chávez, and Justice Charles W. Daniels concurring, Justice Richard C. Bosson dissenting;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that the petition is GRANTED and respondent, Hon. Stephen S. Salazar, shall be SUSPENDED from judicial office for ninety (90) days without pay, effective at 12:01 a.m. on August 1, 2012, for committing willful misconduct in office;

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that respondent shall receive a public

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censure, which shall be published in the *Bar Bulletin* and by the New Mexico
Compilation Commission;

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that respondent shall be placed on probation
for the remainder of his current term of office;

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that respondent shall pay restitution to the
injured parties who were required to file a petition for writ of prohibition and
superintending control in the First Judicial District Court that resulted in the
quashing of respondent's order of October 22, 2010;

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that respondent is assessed costs in the sum
of \$2853.84, which respondent shall pay to the Judicial Standards Commission;

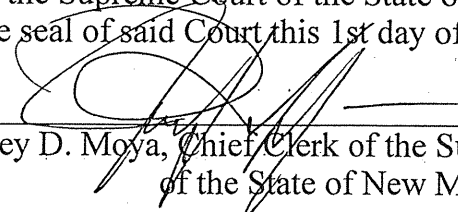
IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that respondent shall pay all costs and
restitution no later than six (6) months from the date of this order; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that respondent shall neither request nor
accept payment of his salary, the costs imposed by this order, or any personal
expenses he incurred before the Commission and this Court.

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 1st day of August, 2012.

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