

  
Joey D. Moya

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

2   **October 23, 2017**

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

4                   **INQUIRY CONCERNING A JUDGE,**  
5                   **JSC Inquiry Nos. 2015-058, 2015-059, 2015-060, 2015-061,**  
6                   **2015-062, 2015-063, 2015-098, 2015-143, 2015-146,**  
7                   **2016-053, & 2017-037**

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10                   **IN THE MATTER OF**  
11                   **HON. CONNIE LEE JOHNSTON,**  
12                   **Magistrate Court Judge,**  
13                   **San Juan County Magistrate Court, Aztec New Mexico**  
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15   **ORDER**

16                   WHEREAS, this matter came on for consideration by the Court upon the  
17                   Judicial Standards Commission's Petition for Permanent Removal from Judicial  
18                   Office, the record of proceedings before the Judicial Standards Commission, the  
19                   response of respondent, Connie Lee Johnston, and the oral arguments of the parties  
20                   on October 23, 2017; and the Court having considered the foregoing and being  
21                   sufficiently advised; Chief Justice Judith K. Nakamura, Justice Petra Jimenez  
22                   Maes, Justice Edward L. Chávez, Justice Charles W. Daniels, and Justice Barbara  
23                   J. Vigil concurring;

24                   NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that the findings of fact and  
25                   conclusions of law of the Judicial Standards Commission are ACCEPTED as

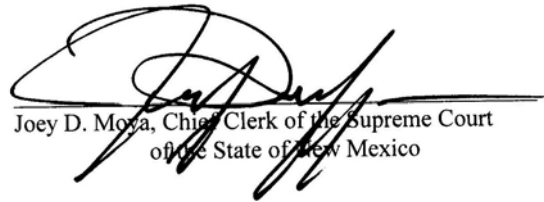
1 supported by substantial evidence; and

2 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the petition is GRANTED and Connie  
3 Lee Johnston is PERMANENTLY REMOVED from judicial office, effective  
4 immediately.

5 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 23rd day  
of October, 2017.



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

6 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