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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO

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STANDARDS COMMISSION

NO. S-1-SC-35625

**INQUIRY CONCERNING A JUDGE,
JSC Inquiry Nos. 2015-058, 2015-059, 2015-060, 2015-061,
2015-062, 2015-063, 2015-098, 2015-143, & 2015-146**

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

ORDER

WHEREAS, this matter came on for consideration by the Court upon verified petition for immediate temporary suspension without pay filed by the New Mexico Judicial Standards Commission, response thereto, supplemental pleadings, and oral argument of the parties on February 10, 2016, and the Court having considered said pleadings and oral argument and being otherwise sufficiently advised, Chief Justice Barbara J. Vigil, Justice Petra Jimenez Maes, Justice Edward L. Chávez, Justice Charles W. Daniels, and Justice Judith K. Nakamura concurring;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that the petition for the

1 immediate temporary suspension of HON. CONNIE LEE JOHNSTON is
2 GRANTED and Judge Johnston shall remain TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED
3 until resolution of this Inquiry and further order of this Court;

4 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that respondent's temporary suspension
5 shall be without pay effective February 10, 2016;

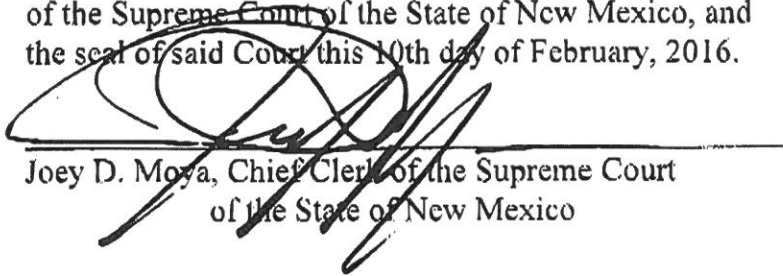
6 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that respondent shall be reimbursed for any
7 pay withheld from January 6, 2016, to February 10, 2016; and

8 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the file in this proceeding shall be
9 UNSEALED pursuant to Rule 27-104(B) NMRA.

10 IT IS SO ORDERED.

11 WITNESS, Honorable Barbara J. Vigil, Chief Justice
12 of the Supreme Court of the State of New Mexico, and
13 the seal of said Court this 10th day of February, 2016.

14 (S E A L)

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