


Joey D. Moya

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

2 **March 26, 2021**

3 **NO. S-1-SC-38722**

4 **INQUIRY CONCERNING A JUDGE**
5 **NO. 2019-136**

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7 **IN THE MATTER OF HON. STEPHEN S. SALAZAR**
8 **Espanola Municipal Court Judge**

9 **ORDER**

10 WHEREAS, this matter came on for consideration by the Court upon the
11 Judicial Standards Commission's petition to accept stipulation to permanent
12 resignation from judicial office in lieu of further disciplinary proceedings, and the
13 Court having considered the petition, having determined that acceptance of the
14 stipulation is in the best interests of the judiciary and the public, and being
15 sufficiently advised; Justice Barbara J. Vigil, Justice C. Shannon Bacon, Justice
16 David K. Thomson and Justice Julie J. Vargas concurring; Chief Justice Michael
17 E. Vigil recused;

18 NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that the petition to accept
19 stipulation to permanent resignation from judicial office in lieu of further
20 disciplinary proceedings is GRANTED, and the stipulation to permanent
21 resignation from judicial office in lieu of further disciplinary proceedings is

1 APPROVED;

2 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the permanent resignation of respondent,
3 Municipal Court Judge Stephen S. Salazar, shall be effective at 5:00 p.m. on
4 March 26, 2021;

5 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that respondent shall submit a letter of
6 resignation to the Mayor of Espanola and shall concurrently provide a copy to the
7 Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of New Mexico and the Judicial Standards
8 Commission;

9 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that respondent shall never again hold,
10 become a candidate for, run for, or stand for election to any New Mexico judicial
11 office in the future;

12 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that respondent shall never seek, accept
13 appointment to, or serve pro tempore for any New Mexico judicial office in the
14 future, which includes the posts of judge in municipal court, probate court,
15 magistrate court, metropolitan court, district court, Court of Appeals, and Justice of
16 the Supreme Court;

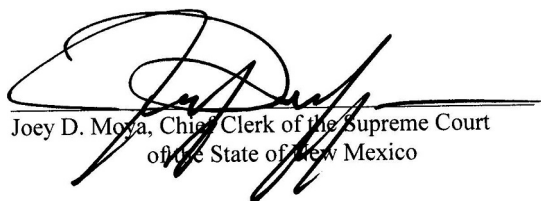
17 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that respondent shall never again hold or
18 exercise any judicial authority in the State of New Mexico, to include officiating at
19 weddings; and

1 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that all documents filed in this Court in
2 Inquiry No. 2019-136 are UNSEALED pursuant to Rule 27-104(B) NMRA.

3 IT IS SO ORDERED.



WITNESS, the Honorable Barbara J. Vigil, Acting Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the State of New Mexico, and the seal of said Court this 26th day of March, 2021.


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

4 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