



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

2
3 **May 4, 2021**

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5 **NO. S-1-SC-39121**

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7 **INQUIRY CONCERNING A JUDGE**
8 **NO. 2021-091**

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10 **IN THE MATTER OF HON. ROBERT W. IONTA**
11 **McKinley County Magistrate Court Judge**

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14 **ORDER**

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16 WHEREAS, on December 15, 2021, this Court temporarily suspended
17 Respondent Hon. Robert W. Ionta without pay until further order of the Court,
18 sealed the record, and referred this matter to the New Mexico Judicial Standards
19 Commission (JSC);

20 WHEREAS, this matter came on for consideration by the Court upon
21 verified petition for immediate temporary suspension without pay, exhibits, and
22 request to unseal filed by the New Mexico Judicial Standards Commission and
23 response thereto, and upon respondent's motion for reconsideration of the order
24 temporarily suspending him without pay and response thereto; and

25 WHEREAS, the Court having considered the forgoing and being otherwise
26 sufficiently advised, Chief Justice C. Shannon Bacon, Justice Michael E. Vigil,
27 Justice David K. Thomson, Justice Julie J. Vargas, and Justice Brianna H. Zamora
28 concurring;

1 NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that the petition for immediate
2 temporary suspension without pay is GRANTED, and Hon. Robert W. Ionta's
3 temporary suspension without pay shall remain in effect pending further order of
4 the Court;

5 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the request to unseal is GRANTED, and
6 this Court's file shall be unsealed pursuant to Rule 27-104(B) NMRA; and

7 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Respondent's motion to reconsider the
8 Court's order dated December 15, 2021, is DENIED.

9 IT IS SO ORDERED.

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WITNESS, the Honorable C. Shannon Bacon, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the State of New Mexico, and the seal of said Court this 4th day of May, 2022.

Elizabeth A. Garcia
Clerk of Court Supreme Court of New Mexico

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I CERTIFY AND ATTEST:
A true copy was served on all parties
or their counsel of record on date filed.
Sally A. Patz
Deputy Clerk of the Supreme Court
of the State of New Mexico

By: *Sally A. Patz*
Deputy Clerk of Court

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