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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO

August 18, 2022

ORDER

NO. S-1-SC-39527

IN RE MAGISTRATE JUDGE SAMANTHA MADRID

WHEREAS, this matter came on for consideration upon notice that Doña Ana County Magistrate Division 1 Judge Samantha L. Madrid had police contact in a personal matter on August 6, 2022, and that Chief Judge Manuel I. Arrieta placed Magistrate Judge Madrid on administrative leave, pending investigation, on August 8, 2022, and extended the administrative leave until August 19, 2022, and the Court having considered the matter and being sufficiently advised, Chief Justice C. Shannon Bacon presiding;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that, pursuant to this Court's power of superintending control under N.M. Const. art VI, § 3, a writ of superintending control shall be issued to Magistrate Judge Samantha L. Madrid and the presiding judge for the Doña Ana Magistrate Division 1 requiring that Magistrate Judge Samantha L. Madrid be placed on indefinite administrative leave with pay, pending an internal investigation (including the New Mexico Judicial Standards Commission);

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IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, upon completion of the internal investigations, Magistrate Judge Samantha L. Madrid may be required to complete a fitness for duty evaluation and work release detailing appropriate restrictions, as applicable.

IT IS SO ORDERED.



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 18th day of August 2022.

Elizabeth A. García, Chief Clerk of the Supreme Court

of the State of New Mexico

I CERTIFY AND ATTEST:

A true copy was served on all parties or their counsel of record on date filed.

Silve State A. Service
Chief Clerk of the Supreme Court
of the State of New Maxico

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