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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO

October 23, 2017

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,
2016-053, & 2017-037**

**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 the Judicial Standards Commission's Petition for Permanent Removal from Judicial Office, the record of proceedings before the Judicial Standards Commission, the response of respondent, Connie Lee Johnston, and the oral arguments of the parties on October 23, 2017; and the Court having considered the foregoing and being sufficiently advised; Chief Justice Judith K. Nakamura, Justice Petra Jimenez Maes, Justice Edward L. Chávez, Justice Charles W. Daniels, and Justice Barbara J. Vigil concurring;

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

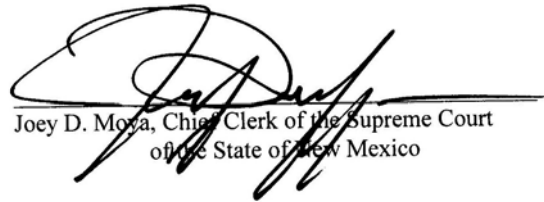
1 supported by substantial evidence; and

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