


Joey D. Moya

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

2 **December 18, 2017**

3 **NO. S-1-SC-36763**

4 **INQUIRY CONCERNING A JUDGE**
5 **NOS. 2016-101, 2016-139, 2017-018,**
6 **2017-041 and 2017-053**

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8 **IN THE MATTER OF HON. WARREN G. WALTON**
9 **Magistrate Judge,**
10 **County of Colfax, New Mexico**

11 **ORDER**
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13 WHEREAS, this matter came on for consideration by the Court upon the
14 Judicial Standards Commission's petition to accept stipulation agreement and
15 consent to discipline, the Court having considered the petition and having
16 determined that acceptance of the stipulation is in the best interests of the judiciary
17 and the public, and the Court being otherwise sufficiently advised; Chief Justice
18 Judith K. Nakamura, Justice Petra Jimenez Maes, Justice Edward L. Chávez,
19 Justice Charles W. Daniels, and Justice Barbara J. Vigil concurring;

20 NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that the petition is GRANTED and
21 Respondent, Hon. Warren G. Walton, shall abide by all terms of the Stipulation
22 Agreement and Consent to Discipline;

23 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Respondent is SUSPENDED WITHOUT
24 PAY for three (3) weeks, DEFERRED on the following conditions:

- 1 A. Respondent shall successfully complete a supervised probation and
 2 formal mentorship for the remainder of his term of office, which shall begin
 3 upon the appointment of the probation supervisor/mentor by this Court. The
 4 Commission shall recommend a probation supervisor/mentor for
 5 consideration and appointment by this Court. The probation
 6 supervisor/mentor shall report to this Court and the Commission on the
 7 progress and outcome of the mentorship; and
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- 9 B. Respondent shall enroll in, and successfully complete, the National Judicial
 10 College webcast courses entitled *Ethics and Judging: Reaching Higher*
 11 *Ground*, scheduled for May 14, 2018, to June 29, 2018, and *Special*
 12 *Considerations for the Rural Court Judge*, scheduled for September 10,
 13 2018, to October 26, 2018, which Respondent shall attend at his own
 14 expense. Respondent shall promptly provide proof of completion of the
 15 courses to this Court and the commission;
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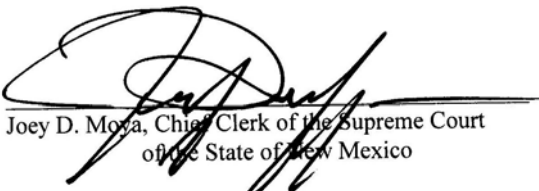
17 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that respondent shall receive a PUBLIC
 18 CENSURE from this Court for the conducted admitted in the Stipulation
 19 Agreement and Consent to Discipline, which will be issued at a later date for
 20 publication in the New Mexico Appellate Reports and Bar Bulletin; and

21 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the file is UNSEALED in accordance
 22 with Rule 27-104(B) NMRA.

23 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 18th day
 of December, 2017.


 Joey D. Moya, 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.

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