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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO

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NM JUDICIAL
STANDARDS COMMISSION

NO. 34,131

**IN THE MATTER OF
Inquiry No. 2012-097**

**IN THE MATTER OF HON. JOE HORACE LUCERO,
Probate Judge,
County of San Miguel, New Mexico**

ORDER

WHEREAS, this matter came on for consideration by the Court upon the Judicial Standards Commission's petition to accept stipulation to permanent retirement from judicial office in lieu of further disciplinary proceedings, the Court having considered said petition and having determined that acceptance of the stipulation is in the best interests of the judiciary and the public, and the Court being otherwise sufficiently advised, Chief Justice Petra Jimenez Maes, Justice Richard C. Bosson, Justice Edward L. Chávez, Justice Charles W. Daniels, and Justice Barbara J. Vigil concurring;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that the petition to accept permanent retirement from judicial office in lieu of further disciplinary proceedings is GRANTED;

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IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the retirement of respondent, Probate Judge Joe Horace Lucero, that was effective on March 21, 2013, shall be permanent;

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

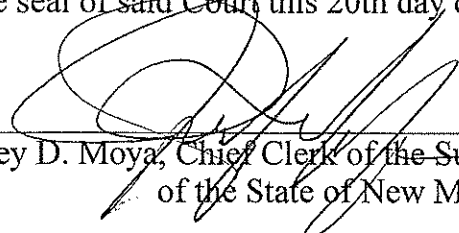
IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that respondent shall never seek, accept appointment to, or serve *pro tempore* for any New Mexico judicial office in the future, which includes the posts of judge in municipal court, probate court, magistrate court, metropolitan court, district court, Court of Appeals, and Justice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

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

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that all documents filed in this Court in Inquiry No. 2012-097 are UNSEALED pursuant to Rule 27-104(B) NMRA.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

WITNESS, Honorable Petra Jimenez Maes, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the State of New Mexico, and the seal of said Court this 20th day of May, 2013.



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

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