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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO

February 1, 2012

NO. 33,369

**INQUIRY CONCERNING A JUDGE
Nos. 1996-06, 1996-60, 1996-65**

**IN THE MATTER OF STEPHEN G. RYAN
Former Municipal Court Judge, City of Las Cruces, New Mexico**

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NM JUDICIAL
STANDARDS COMMISSION

ORDER

WHEREAS, this matter came on for consideration upon petition to enforce stipulation and for discipline, response thereto, and oral argument by the parties, and the Court having considered said pleadings and oral argument and being sufficiently advised, Chief Justice Charles W. Daniels, Justice Patricio M. Serna, Justice Petra Jimenez Maes, Justice Richard C. Bosson, and Justice Edward L. Chávez concurring;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that the Court ADOPTS the stipulation entered into between special counsel for the Judicial Standards Commission and respondent dated September 5, 1997, hereby incorporates its terms in full into this order and finds that respondent shall be sanctioned for willful misconduct in office;

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the file in this matter shall be unsealed and made a public record forthwith;

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that counsel for the Judicial Standards

1 Commission shall provide a copy of this order and the incorporated stipulation
2 dated September 5, 1997, to the City of Las Cruces forthwith;
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4 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this matter hereby is REMANDED to
5 the Judicial Standards Commission for a hearing and recommendations to this
6 Court on the appropriate sanctions to impose, with respondent given the right to
7 be heard on the matter at the hearing; and
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9 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that upon submission of the Judicial
10 Standards Commission's recommendation the parties shall brief this Court on
11 the appropriate sanctions to be imposed in this case and shall address the
12 comparative discipline imposed in other similar cases.
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14 IT IS SO ORDERED.

15 WITNESS, Honorable Charles W. Daniels, Chief Justice
16 of the Supreme Court of the State of New Mexico, and
17 the seal of said Court this 1st day of February, 2012.

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