


Joey D. Moya

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

2 **September 4, 2020**

3 **NO. S-1-SC-38462**

4 **INQUIRY CONCERNING A JUDGE**
5 **JSC Inquiry No. 2019-064**

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7 **IN THE MATTER OF**
8 **HON. APRIL J. SILVERSMITH**
9 **Magistrate Judge, McKinley County Magistrate Court**

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11 **ORDER**

12 WHEREAS, this matter came on for consideration by the Court upon the
13 Judicial Standards Commission's petition to accept stipulation to permanent
14 retirement from judicial office in lieu of further disciplinary proceedings, and the
15 Court having considered the petition, having determined that acceptance of the
16 stipulation is in the best interests of the judiciary and the public, and being
17 sufficiently advised; Chief Justice Michael E. Vigil, Justice Barbara J. Vigil,
18 Justice Judith K. Nakamura, Justice C. Shannon Bacon, and Justice David K.
19 Thomson concurring;

20 NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that the petition to accept
21 stipulation to permanent retirement from judicial office in lieu of further
22 disciplinary proceedings is GRANTED, and respondent, Hon. April J. Silversmith,

1 shall abide by all terms of the stipulation to permanent retirement from judicial
2 office;

3 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the permanent retirement of respondent,
4 Hon. April J. Silversmith, shall be effective as of August 31, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.;

5 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that respondent shall submit duplicate original
6 letters of retirement addressed to the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of New
7 Mexico and the Governor of the State of New Mexico and shall concurrently
8 provide a copy to the Judicial Standards Commission;

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

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

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

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IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that all documents filed in this Court in

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Inquiry No. 2019-064 are UNSEALED pursuant to Rule 27-104(B) NMRA.

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IT IS SO ORDERED.



WITNESS, the Honorable Michael E. Vigil, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the State of New Mexico, and the seal of said Court this 4th day of September, 2020.

 A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joey D. Moya", is written over a horizontal line.

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

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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