

Supreme Court of Florida

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2018

CASE NO.: SC18-674

INQUIRY CONCERNING A JUDGE
NO. 18-63

RE: MARIA ORTIZ

Upon consideration of the response to the Court's June 8, 2018, order and the Revised Stipulation, the Court rejects the Revised Stipulation and disapproves the proposed sanctions. This case is remanded for further proceedings. The Court would accept a stipulation with the sanctions of a ninety-day suspension without pay, a \$5000 fine, a public reprimand, and payment of the Judicial Qualifications Commission's reimbursable costs. In the event the parties are unable to enter into a second revised stipulation, a final plenary hearing shall be conducted before the Commission.

PARIENTE, LEWIS, QUINCE, POLSTON, and LABARGA, JJ., concur.
LAWSON, J., dissents with an opinion, in which CANADY, C.J., concurs.

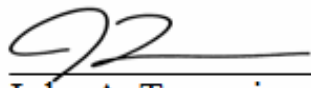
LAWSON, J., dissenting.

Given the additional stipulations and explanations provided by Judge Ortiz and the JQC, I would accept the revised stipulation and impose the agreed sanction.

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CANADY, C.J, concurs.

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