

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA

In the Matter of:)
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HONORABLE JESSE R. MIRANDA) Administrative Order
) No. 2005- 17
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ORDER FOR INTERIM ASSIGNMENT

Under Rule 31 of the Rules of the Commission on Judicial Conduct, the Chief Justice is authorized, at the request of an investigative panel composed of members of the commission, to reassign a judge pending final disposition of commission proceedings against the judge. The reassignment of a judge pursuant to this rule may occur at any time following the institution of a preliminary investigation when it appears that a judge's conduct may pose a threat to the public or the administration of justice.

WHEREAS, disciplinary counsel of the Commission on Judicial Conduct submitted a report and recommendation to the Chief Justice describing serious formal charges brought by the State Bar of Arizona against Justice of the Peace Jesse R. Miranda, which, if true, include behavior that occurred while he was running for judicial office. The report further reveals that because Justice of the Peace Miranda repeatedly failed to respond to the allegations they are now deemed admitted for the disciplinary purposes of the State Bar.

IT IS ORDERED, effective immediately and until further order of the Court, that Justice of the Peace Miranda be reassigned to other duties, without loss of compensation or benefits, under the direction of Presiding Judge Colin F. Campbell of the Superior Court in Maricopa County.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Justice of the Peace Miranda shall have fifteen (15) days from the date of this order to file objections in accordance with Commission Rule 31.

Dated this 23rd day of February 2005.

CHARLES E. JONES
Chief Justice