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News Release

COMMISSION HEARING ON FORMAL CHARGES AGAINST MOON VALLEY JUSTICE OF THE PEACE ANDREW HETTINGER

PHOENIX. The Commission on Judicial Conduct announced today that a hearing to consider formal charges of judicial misconduct against Moon Valley Justice of the Peace Andrew Hettinger will commence at 9:30 a.m. on Monday, May 15, 2017, in Room 109 of the State Courts Building, 1501 W. Washington Street, Phoenix, Arizona 85007. The formal charges allege that Judge Hettinger violated numerous rules governing the conduct of judges during his election campaign in 2016.

Disciplinary Counsel April Elliott will represent the commission in this proceeding. Attorney Scott Rhodes will represent Judge Hettinger. The evidence will be heard by seven members of the commission serving as a hearing panel. The Honorable Louis Frank Dominguez, a judge member and chair of the commission, will serve as the presiding hearing panel member.

Following the presentation of evidence and arguments by the parties, the hearing panel will consider the evidence and prepare and file findings of facts, conclusions of law, and a decision whether the judge engaged in judicial misconduct. As to any finding that the judge engaged in judicial misconduct, the hearing panel will determine the level of sanction that should be imposed, which could range from a public reprimand to removal from office. A sanction of public censure, suspension, or removal is subject to review and/or approval by the Arizona Supreme Court.

The hearing is open to the public. Reporters who wish to photograph, tape record, or videotape all or part of the proceedings should submit a written request for this purpose to the commission's office in advance of the hearing. Written requests may be submitted by e-mail to cjc@courts.az.gov or by mail to the address listed.

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