

SUPREME COURT OF NEW JERSEY  
D-7 September Term 2021  
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In the Matter of

Cecelia Sardina Guzman,

A Judge of the Municipal  
Court

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**ORDER**

This matter having been submitted to the Court by the Advisory Committee on Judicial Conduct pursuant to Rule 2:12-15A(b), following the granting by the Committee of an application for discipline by consent in ACJC 2018-227 of **Cecelia Sardina Guzman**, who was a Judge of the Municipal Courts of the City of Paterson and the Town of Dover;

And Disciplinary Counsel/Presenter and Respondent having entered into a stipulation of discipline by consent in which it was agreed that Respondent violated Canon 1, Rule 1.1 (requiring jurists to observe high standards of conduct to preserve the integrity and independence of the judiciary), and Rule 1.2 (requiring jurists to respect to comply with the law), and Canon 2, Rule 2.1 (requiring jurists to promote public confidence by avoiding impropriety and the appearance of impropriety) of the Code of Judicial Conduct; and Rule 1:14-1 (stating that the Rules of Professional Conduct and Code of Judicial Conduct govern members of the bar, judges, and court employees within New Jersey) and Rule 1:18 (requiring jurists to abide by and to enforce the Rules of Professional Conduct and Code of Judicial Conduct ) of the New Jersey Rules of Court;

And the parties having agreed that Respondent's judicial misconduct in violation of Canon 1, Rule 1.1 and Rule 1.2 and Canon 2, Rule 2.1 of the Code of Judicial Conduct; and Rule 1:14-1 and Rule 1:18 of the New Jersey Rules of Court warrants discipline of a public censure;

And the Committee having recommended to the Court that the appropriate sanction for Respondent's misconduct is a public censure;

And the Court having determined to accept the tendered discipline by consent, including the recommendation of a public censure as the appropriate disciplinary sanction;

And good cause appearing;

It is ORDERED that **Cecelia Sardina Guzman**, a Judge of the Municipal Court, is hereby publicly censured; and it is further

ORDERED that the stipulation of discipline by consent, Respondent's affidavit of consent, and supporting documentation in the certified record submitted to the Court are hereby incorporated by reference into this Order, in accordance with Rule 2:15-15A (b) (4).

WITNESS, the Honorable Stuart Rabner, Chief Justice, at Trenton, this 17th day of May, 2022.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Heather J. Baker". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed title of the signatory.

CLERK OF THE SUPREME COURT