

SUPREME COURT OF NEW JERSEY
D-131 September Term 2019
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In the Matter of :

Hector I. Rodriguez, :

A Former Judge of :

The Municipal Court :

FILED ORDER

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The Advisory Committee on Judicial Conduct having filed with the Court pursuant to Rule 2:15-15(a), a presentment recommending that **Hector I. Rodriguez**, a former Judge of the Municipal Court, be publicly reprimanded for violating Canon 1, Rule 1.1 (requires judges to “participate in establishing, maintaining and enforcing, and . . . [to] personally observe, high standards of conduct so [as to preserve] . . . the integrity, impartiality and independence of the judiciary”); Canon 2, Rule 2.1 (requires judges to “act at all times in a manner that promotes public confidence in the independence, integrity and impartiality of the judiciary, and . . . [to] avoid impropriety and the appearance of impropriety”); and Canon 3, Rule 3.5 (requires judges to be patient, dignified, and courteous to litigants, jurors, witnesses, lawyers and others with whom the judge deals in an official capacity) of the Code of Judicial Conduct;

And the Court having ordered respondent to show cause why he should not be publicly disciplined through the imposition of an appropriate sanction that does not include removal from judicial office;

And good cause appearing;

It is ORDERED that the findings and recommendation of the Advisory Committee on Judicial Conduct are adopted and **Hector I. Rodriguez**, a former Judge of the Municipal Court, is hereby publicly reprimanded.

WITNESS, the Honorable Stuart Rabner, Chief Justice, at Trenton, this 12th day of October, 2021.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Heather J. Bates". The signature is written in black ink and is centered on the page.

CLERK OF THE SUPREME COURT