

BEFORE THE JUDICIAL STANDARDS COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO

INQUIRY CONCERNING A JUDGE

Inquiry Nos. 2006-042, 2006-071, 2006-072

AFFIDAVIT OF NICOLE GONZALES

1. My name is Nicole Gonzales. I am over the age of 18. I am competent to make this sworn statement, and do so freely and willingly.
2. I am the Judicial Manager of the Doña Ana County Magistrate Court. Under the direction of the Presiding Judge, I manage the administrative services and operations of the court. I supervise the court clerk's office staff in the management of court cases for the court. Much of my job involves identifying, evaluating, analyzing, defining and recommending resolutions to court case management requirements, issues and problems. I also plan, draft, and coordinate implementation procedures for court case management. I directly supervise Judicial Specialists, Judicial Leadworkers, and Judicial Supervisors, and am responsible for a department of 29 employees.
3. I have known Judge Carlos Garza since I started working at the Doña Ana County Magistrate Court in May 2004.
4. Around November 2005, my then-supervisor, Tina Ross, noticed that Judge Garza had what appeared to be white powder underneath his nostrils. She asked me to look to see if I could tell what it was. I could not tell what the powder was, but he certainly had white powder under the rim of his nostrils.
5. On February 7, 2006, I was with Melinda Gamboa, a judicial supervisor with the Doña Ana County Magistrate Court. She and I both saw a white powdery substance on the rim of Judge Garza's nose. He was extremely hyperactive that day.

