



**State of Florida  
Seventh Judicial Circuit**

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The Honorable Ron DeSantis  
Governor of the State of Florida  
The Capital, 400 South Monroe Street  
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0001

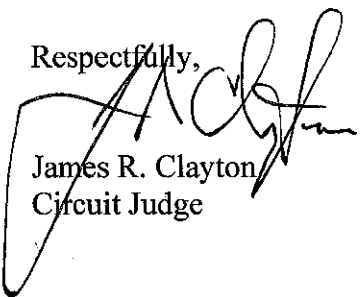
Re: Resignation of Circuit Judge James R. Clayton

Dear Governor DeSantis:

Please accept this letter as formal notice of my resignation of my commission as Circuit Judge, Seventh Judicial Circuit, Group 07, effective 5:00 p.m. on April 1, 2024.

It has been a privilege and honor to serve the citizens of the State of Florida for over 21 years.

Respectfully,

  
James R. Clayton  
Circuit Judge

JRC/ajb

cc: Honorable Leah Case, Chief Judge of the Seventh Judicial Circuit  
Talia Schwager  
Meredith Pardo  
Ryan Newman