



**STATE OF FLORIDA
SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
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**Terence R. Perkins
Circuit Judge**

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April 3, 2024

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 Terence R. Perkins

Dear Governor DeSantis:

Please accept this letter as notice of my resignation as Circuit Judge, Seventh Judicial Circuit, Group 9, effective 5:00 p.m. on September 30, 2024. For the past 14 years, it has been my distinct privilege to work with conscientious colleagues applying the laws of our State. In that time, the judicial branch embraced great change. As a Chief Judge of my Circuit, I oversaw the transition from paper files to electronic formats and processes. With your direct support and encouragement (as then-Representative DeSantis), we expanded our Drug Courts and created new Veterans Courts to provide much needed resources to our veterans. As a member of the Florida Court Technology Commission, I helped design and implement the technology by which all Trial Courts access case data, prepare and sign orders and conduct the day-to-day business of the branch.

However, the real joy of my work came from serving the citizens of my community and our State. Each day was as different as it was daunting but each worthy of my best efforts. As much as I will miss my work on the bench, I feel confident that I will be leaving my community a better place and I am most grateful for that opportunity.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "TRP", written over a large, stylized blue scribble.

Terence R. Perkins
Circuit Judge

TRP:sdp

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