



**COUNTY COURT
DUVAL COUNTY**

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Dear Governor DeSantis:

I am submitting this letter to notify your office that I will be retiring from the bench effective February 28, 2023.

It has been an honor and privilege to have served the residents of Duval County over the past 27 years as their County Court Judge. My service to this County and State has always been guided by the general principles to administer justice fairly and treat all with dignity. I hope that my service on the bench made those persons that supported my appointment proud.

My service on the bench has been the most rewarding experience because of the highest level of professionalism and competence exhibited and maintained by the members of the Bar in Northeast Florida and my fellow judges. Their competence, friendship and support have been invaluable in helping me be the best judge I could be. Whatever good reputation I have in large part is due to their help.

I am hopeful that the Judicial Nominating Committee will convene soon so that the new judge will be ready to take the bench on March 1, 2023. This way there will not be any disruption to the Duval County Court.

Respectfully,


Roberto A. Arias

CC: Ryan Newman, Esquire, General Counsel, Office of the Governor
Honorable Mark H. Mahon, Chief Judge, 4th Judicial Circuit