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Governor Ron DeSantis
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The Capitol
400 South Monroe Street
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Dear Governor DeSantis,

Please accept this letter as notice of my resignation and retirement as a Circuit Judge in the Eighteenth Judicial Circuit in and for Brevard County, Florida, effective midnight, July 12, 2019.

It has been my honor and privilege to serve the people of the State of Florida as a trial judge for over thirty-two years. Because my academic and career path advanced at an accelerated rate (having graduated from the University of Florida College Law at the age of 22 and having begun my judicial career at the age of 30), I am looking forward to a sabbatical from the daily demands of a trial court judge. However, my love of the law and commitment to public service have not diminished.

My career as a public servant has been rewarding beyond all measure. I thank the people with whom, and for whom, I have served. Although I am closing this chapter of my career, I remain open to new and challenging ways to be of service in the future.

I hope that this notice provides adequate time to appoint my successor before I leave office. I would like to make the transition easy for my successor and for my colleagues on the 18th Judicial Circuit Court.

Very Truly Yours,

Tonya Rainwater
Chief Judge