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March 10, 2020

The Honorable Ron DeSantis
Governor, State of Florida
The Capitol
400 S. Monroe Street
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0001

Re: Resignation as Circuit Judge

Dear Governor DeSantis

Please accept this letter as my resignation as Circuit Judge, Group 10, Second Judicial Circuit, State of Florida, effective the end of the day April 2, 2020. It has been my honor and privilege to serve the people of the Second Judicial Circuit since my appointment by Governor Rick Scott in April 2013. I have enjoyed my time on the State Bench, and I thank the people of this Circuit and Governor Scott for the opportunity to serve. This will not complete my term, so you will have the occasion to choose my successor. I apologize that I was not able to give you more notice, but I am confident you will choose a worthy replacement and protect the interests of the residents of the Second Judicial Circuit and of the State of Florida.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "MAF", with a long, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

Martin A. Fitzpatrick
Circuit Judge, Group 10
Second Judicial Circuit

Copy to:

The Honorable Jonathan Sjostrum
Chief Judge, Second Judicial Circuit

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(Hand delivery)

Dear Governor Desantis:

This letter is to inform you of a vacancy on the Second Circuit Court from the resignation of Circuit Judge Martin A. Fitzpatrick effective April 2, 2020 and to ask that you begin the appointment process. A copy of Judge Fitzpatrick's letter is attached.

Any special attention you can give to the appointment process to minimize the time of vacancy would be of great assistance in fulfilling our responsibilities.

Thank you for your consideration and efforts.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "JS", with a large, stylized flourish underneath.

Jonathan Sjostrom, Chief Judge

copies: Hayden Dempsey, Second Circuit JNC (Hand delivery)
Grant Slayden, Trial Court Administrator (Hand delivery)

Attachment