

**State of Florida**  
**Eighteenth Judicial Circuit**  
COUNTIES OF BREVARD AND SEMINOLE

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**Debra S. Nelson**  
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Honorable Ron DeSantis  
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The Capitol  
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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, effective **5:00 p.m., June 30, 2021.**

Governor Jeb Bush appointed me to the circuit bench in 1999. It has been an honor and a privilege to have served the citizens of the State of Florida specifically, Seminole and Brevard Counties, for the last 22 years.

Being a judge had been a childhood dream and I realize how truly fortunate I am to not only have achieved that goal, but to have found my career to be rewarding beyond measure.

I remain steadfast in my belief that every person is entitled to their day in court before a fair and impartial judge. I am forever grateful for having had the opportunity to serve in this capacity and for the judges, attorneys, court deputies, clerks and judicial staff who have worked alongside me in the administration of our justice system.

Sincerely,



Debra S. Nelson  
Circuit Judge 18<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit