



FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA

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May 24, 2021

The Honorable Ronald D. DeSantis
Governor of Florida
The Capitol
400 South Monroe Street
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Re: Resignation of Fourth Judicial Circuit Judge Karen K. Cole

Dear Governor DeSantis:

Please accept this letter as my notice of resignation as a circuit judge in the Fourth Judicial Circuit of the State of Florida, effective at 5:00 p.m. on Friday, October 1, 2021.

I am grateful to have had the honor these past twenty-seven years of serving the citizens of the Fourth Judicial Circuit as a circuit judge. I am fiercely proud of the system of justice in our nation, our state, and our circuit. I have seen first-hand that the system functions effectively only through the dedicated and ethical commitment of all its participants: judges, lawyers, attorneys, clerks, bailiffs, judicial assistants, jurors and others. I have been privileged to work alongside all those participants as we together strove to ensure impartial justice and to maintain the rule of law.

I cannot imagine a career more rewarding than the one I will be concluding this October.

I thank you for the wisdom you will exercise in the upcoming months as you thoughtfully select the newest circuit judge to serve the citizens of Florida.

Thank you for your attention to this letter of resignation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Karen K. Cole".

Karen K. Cole

Copies to:

The Honorable Charles T. Canady
Chief Justice, Supreme Court of Florida

The Honorable Mark H. Mahon
Chief Judge, Fourth Judicial Circuit, State of Florida

Judge
Resign
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