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Governor Ron DeSantis
The Capitol
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RE: Office of Circuit Court Judge, Sixth Judicial Circuit (Pinellas/Pasco), Group 41

Dear Governor DeSantis:

I am writing to resign from my office as of January 31, 2022. Although I'm only in the first year of my current (fourth) term, it has become too physically painful to continue to work due to a number of spinal injuries I've sustained. This very full time job requires me to be seated for many hours every day and, unfortunately, sitting at length greatly increases the discomfort related to my condition.

Last year, our exceptional Chief Judge, Anthony Rondolino, accommodated my request to transfer to the family division for what has turned out to be my last assignment. Continuity is extremely important in family law and there are a number of ongoing challenging cases that I feel I must try to bring to conclusion. I derived my resignation date from my consideration of the length of time it will take me to accomplish that goal.

While I regret that I must leave, I'm reassured that you will be the one selecting my replacement. I say that because, in my opinion, your appointments of trial court judges in this circuit have been among the best I've seen. I've given a lot of thought to what distinguishes your appointees, i.e., to what may have made them so good. I've concluded that they all worked at difficult, challenging jobs as lawyers and possessed an exceptional work ethic. And that's exactly what this job requires day in and day out more than anything else – hard work.

Sincerely,

Linda R. Allan

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