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

Dear Governor DeSantis:

Please accept this letter as notice of my resignation from the position of Circuit Judge of the Ninth Judicial Circuit, Group 23. My last day with the circuit will be Friday, October 1, 2021.

For the last 18 years, it has been my honor and privilege to serve the citizens of Orange and Osceola counties as a Circuit Judge, a position that has been the highlight of my 30-year legal career. I have been fortunate to work alongside dedicated judges, court administrators, court clerks, sheriff deputies and judicial staff during that time. I will always be grateful for their support of my work and their tireless commitment to the administration of justice in our circuit.

Although I am stepping away from the bench, I will continue to serve the citizens of the State of Florida in other ways. I trust that you will fill my position with a qualified candidate who will serve the Ninth Judicial Circuit with humility and faithful adherence to the rule of law.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Julie H. O'Kane".

Julie H. O'Kane

cc: The Honorable Lisa T. Munyon, Chief Judge
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