



CIRCUIT COURT
ELEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA

VICTORIA R. BRENNAN
Circuit Judge

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December 8, 2016

Hon. Rick Scott
The Capitol
400 S. Monroe Street
Tallahassee, FL 32399

Dear Governor Scott:

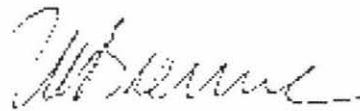
For more than a decade, I have had the honor of serving as a judge in the 11th Judicial Circuit, first as a County Court Judge, and for more than the last five years as a Circuit Court Judge. I take great pride in having been appointed first by Governor Jeb Bush to the County Court, and then by you to the Circuit Court. It is obvious to me that both you and Governor Bush take great pride in endeavoring to appoint judges who respect the Constitution and the separation of powers. As a citizen, I thank you for your efforts in this regard.

Serving as a judge has been a very memorable experience, and I appreciate very much the fact that I had the opportunity to serve in this way. However, after careful consideration, I am at this time announcing my intention to resign my judgeship effective December 31, 2016. In that I am retiring mid-term, I'm happy to know you will have an opportunity to make another great appointment to fill this seat. Leaving in this way has always been important to me, and when I have in the past contemplated this day, I have always intended to make my exit in a way that allows the proper vetting for a replacement that can only happen through the appointment process.

Circuit Court judges have great power. It should not be left to chance, or decision by surname or gender or random selection, who is given the power to sentence someone to death, or take away a person's children forever, or make any of the other major decisions we circuit judges make every day. I leave having the comfort of knowing that the decision about my replacement is in your very able hands.

Thank you, again, Governor, for the opportunity to serve.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Victoria R. Brennan".

Victoria R. Brennan
Circuit Court Judge
Eleventh Judicial Circuit