

CHAMBERS OF  
**COUNTY JUDGE**  
THIRTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
TAMPA, FLORIDA 33602

**JAMES S. MOODY, III**

April 18, 2022

Via U.S. Mail and E-Mail to: [GovernorRon.DeSantis@eog.myflorida.com](mailto:GovernorRon.DeSantis@eog.myflorida.com)

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

Dear Governor DeSantis:

Thank you for honoring me by appointing me as a circuit court judge of the Thirteenth Judicial Circuit, Group 3, on April 15, 2022, based on the passing of Circuit Court Judge Carl Hinson.

In light of my appointment, I hereby resign my position as a Hillsborough County Court Judge, Group 1, effective April 18, 2022, the same date for which my commission as Circuit Court Judge of the Thirteenth Judicial Circuit will become effective. Accordingly, I have enclosed a copy of my executed Oath of Office for your reference.

I have been honored to serve the citizens of Hillsborough County and I look forward to continuing my service in this new capacity. Thank you again for this very special honor.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "James S. Moody, III".

James S. Moody, III

Enclosure

cc: The Honorable Ronald N. Ficarrotta, Chief Judge ([ficarrn@fljud13.org](mailto:ficarrn@fljud13.org)) (w/ enclosure); Ryan Newman, General Counsel, Executive Office of the Governor ([Ryan.Newman@eog.myflorida.com](mailto:Ryan.Newman@eog.myflorida.com)) (w/ enclosure); Annie Ortega, Judicial Appointments Coordinator, Executive Office of the Governor ([Annie.Ortega@eog.myflorida.com](mailto:Annie.Ortega@eog.myflorida.com)) (w/ enclosure); Inez Williams, Department of State ([Inez.Williams@DOS.MyFlorida.com](mailto:Inez.Williams@DOS.MyFlorida.com)) (w/ enclosure)

# OATH OF OFFICE

(Art. II, § 5(b), Fla. Const.)

STATE OF FLORIDA

County of Hillsborough

I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support, protect, and defend the Constitution and Government of the United States and of the State of Florida; that I am duly qualified to hold office under the Constitution of the State, and that I will well and faithfully perform the duties of

Thirteenth Judicial Circuit Court Judge, Group 3

(Title of Office)

on which I am now about to enter, so help me God.

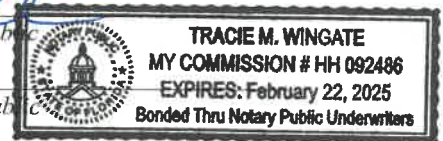
[NOTE: If you affirm, you may omit the words "so help me God." See § 92.52, Fla. Stat.]

[Signature]  
Signature

Sworn to and subscribed before me by means of  physical presence or  
 online notarization, this 16th day of April, 2022

Tracie M. Wingate  
Signature of Officer Administering Oath or of Notary Public

Tracie M. Wingate  
Print, Type, or Stamp Commissioned Name of Notary Public



Personally Known  OR Produced Identification

Type of Identification Produced N/A

## ACCEPTANCE

I accept the office listed in the above Oath of Office.

Mailing Address:  Home  Office

301 N. Michigan Ave., Room 2011

Street or Post Office Box

Plant City, FL 33563

City, State, Zip Code

James S. Moody, III

Print Name

[Signature]  
Signature