



COUNTY COURT
DUVAL COUNTY

PAULINE DRAKE
COUNTY JUDGE

December 9, 2019

DUVAL COUNTY COURTHOUSE
JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA 32202
(904) 255-1339

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

Re: Letter of Resignation/Retirement

Dear Governor DeSantis:

It has been a pleasure to serve the citizens of Duval County, Florida for a period of twenty-one years on the bench. The County Court is unique in that county judges have an opportunity to direct and apply the law to a large population of individuals. It is often the county court experience that allows people to formulate a view of the justice system, whether it involves appearing in court for a criminal case or civil case.

As I reflect on my years of service, I am grateful that I have been blessed to have had tremendous opportunities to work within the community. It has been my goal to develop a sense of inclusiveness in our community.

It is with mixed emotions that I submit my letter of resignation as County Judge, effective February 29, 2020.

I have the greatest confidence that the selection of a new County Court Judge will serve to keep the great tradition of judicial excellence in the Fourth Judicial Circuit.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Pauline M. Drake", is written over a large, stylized flourish or scribble.

Pauline M. Drake
County Court Judge

PMD/aji

cc: Chief Judge Mark Mahon
Judge Ronald Higbee, County Court Administrative Judge