

STATE OF FLORIDA

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 13-15

WHEREAS, on October 11, 2011, Governor RICK SCOTT assigned the Honorable KATHERINE FERNANDEZ RUNDLE, State Attorney for the Eleventh Judicial Circuit, to the Sixteenth Judicial Circuit to represent that State of Florida concerning charges pending against Nicholas C. Ferro under Executive Order 12-234; and

WHEREAS, the Honorable CATHERINE VOGEL, State Attorney for the Sixteenth Judicial Circuit of Florida, has advised Governor RICK SCOTT that a complaint has been filed alleging that a witness for the State has committed perjury during the trial of Nicholas C. Ferro and the case is pending trial in February 2013; and

WHEREAS, the original conflict continues to exist, and the charges pending against Nicholas C. Ferro continue to be handled by the Honorable KATHERINE FERNANDEZ RUNDLE. The Honorable CATHERINE VOGEL, to avoid any appearance of conflict of interest or impropriety, has voluntarily disqualified herself and has requested the executive assignment of another State Attorney with respect to the complaint filed against the state witness in the Nicholas C. Ferro trial for potential perjury; and

WHEREAS, the Honorable MICHAEL J. SATZ, State Attorney for the Seventeenth Judicial Circuit of Florida, has agreed to accept an executive assignment in this matter; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the State of Florida and of the ends of justice that the Honorable MICHAEL J. SATZ discharge the duties of the Honorable CATHERINE VOGEL, pursuant to Section 27.14, Florida Statutes;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICK SCOTT, Governor of Florida, in obedience to my solemn constitutional duty to "take care that the laws be faithfully executed," and pursuant to the Constitution and laws of the State of Florida, do hereby issue the following Executive Order, effective immediately:

Section 1.

The Honorable MICHAEL J. SATZ, State Attorney for the Seventeenth Judicial Circuit of Florida, hereinafter referred to as the "Assigned State Attorney," is hereby assigned to discharge the duties of the Honorable CATHERINE VOGEL, State Attorney for the Sixteenth Judicial Circuit of Florida, as they relate to the complaint filed against a state witness in the Nicholas C. Ferro trial for potential perjury and all related matters.

Section 2.

The Assigned State Attorney or one or more Assistant State Attorneys and Investigators, who have been designated by the Assigned State Attorney, shall proceed forthwith to the Sixteenth Judicial Circuit of Florida, and are hereby vested with the authority to perform the duties prescribed herein.

Section 3.

All residents of the Sixteenth Judicial Circuit are requested, and all public officials are directed, to cooperate and render whatever assistance is necessary to the Assigned State Attorney, to the end that justice may be served.

Section 4.

The period of this Executive Assignment shall be for one (1) year, to and including January 31, 2014.

Section 5.

The Assigned State Attorney shall notify the Governor on or before December 31, 2013, if additional time is required.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and have caused the Great Seal of the State of Florida to be affixed at Tallahassee, this 31st day of January, 2013.



A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to be 'Rick Scott', is written over a horizontal line.

RICK SCOTT, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

SECRETARY OF STATE

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