



CIRCUIT COURT
ELEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA

August 1st, 2016

STANFORD BLAKE
CIRCUIT JUDGE

Governor Rick Scott
The Capitol
400 S. Monroe Street
Tallahassee, Florida 32399

DADE COUNTY COURTHOUSE
73 WEST FLAGLER STREET
MIAMI, FLORIDA 33130

Dear Governor Scott,

After almost 22 years as a Circuit Court Judge for the Eleventh Judicial Circuit, I am at this time announcing my retirement as of August 31, 2016. While I had completed the DROP program at the end of August, 2015, I have loved the bench and serving our community and have remained for the additional year. However, since there has been no additional interest added to what my retirement amount will be, financially it makes sense for me to retire as of August 31st, 2016.

I have been blessed to have had this opportunity to change lives and help people. Few people are ever put in that position and I remember daily how important the responsibility I have as a judge. You have made excellent appointments to the bench for the Eleventh Judicial Circuit and I am confident the JNC will send you very talented appointees for this seat. While I am sad to leave this position which I love every day, I will always cherish these past 22 years as a judge.

Sincerely yours,

Stanford Blake
Circuit Court Judge
Eleventh Judicial Circuit

Cc: Chief Judge Bertila Soto
Sandra Lonergan