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The Honorable Rick Scott, Governor
State of Florida
The Capitol
400 S. Monroe St.
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RE: Twelfth Judicial Circuit, Group 9, Circuit Judge Vacancy

Dear Governor Scott:

I intend to retire and vacate my office as circuit judge at the end of October, 2015. My last day as an active member of the judiciary will be October 31, 2015. This will complete 40 years of judicial service. My seat, Group 9, will be vacant thereafter.

It has been an honor to serve the citizens of Sarasota, Manatee, and Desoto counties for four decades. I leave with high regard for my colleagues on the bench and secure in the knowledge that this vibrant but small third branch of government remains steadfastly independent and devoutly respectful of the rule of law.

I am notifying the Chair of the Twelfth Judicial Nominating Committee of the vacancy so it may initiate the process of recommending a successor.

Sincerely,

James S. Parker

Hon. Andrew D. Owens, Chief Judge
Ms. Bonnie Lee Polk, Chair, 12th Circuit JNC
Walt Smith, Court Administrator
Tiffany Zelski, Human Resources Manager