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Governor Rick Scott
Tallahassee, FL

Re: resignation

Dear Governor Scott,

Other than college and being a dad, I've never done any one thing in my adult life for more than 5 years in a row and been happy about it. For a variety of personal reasons, I have decided it is time for me to retire from the Bench. It is with great fondness and respect for the hundreds of amazing and dedicated public servants from every level of the Clerk's office, Law Enforcement, and the Court System (particularly the over-worked, underpaid Judicial Assistants who make the whole thing work) with whom it has been my great privilege to serve, that I hereby submit my resignation as a Lee county Judge, effective Midnight, September 30, 2015.

To say that it has been an honor to work with the finest members of the Judiciary anywhere in the State of Florida would be a gross understatement. I leave comforted by the certain knowledge that our courts are in the hands of the most competent and honorable persons it could ever be any professional's good fortune to call colleagues.

When I took the oath of office I shared a poem by Ralph Waldo Emerson. I hope you will indulge me and allow me to share it with you now.

Success

*To laugh often and much;
To win the respect of intelligent people and the affection of children;
To earn the appreciation of honest critics and endure the betrayal of false friends;
To appreciate beauty, to find the best in others;
To leave the world a bit better, whether by a healthy child, a garden patch, or a redeemed social condition;*



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To know even one life has breathed easier because you have lived. This is to have succeeded.

To the great and wonderful citizens of Lee County and all those with whom I have thoroughly enjoyed working these past 5 years, I wish you all the success in the world.

With unbridled enthusiasm and excitement about the future and the many blessings I am certain it will bring, I am and shall ever be,

Your humble servant,

Frank Mann, Jr.

A large, stylized handwritten signature in blue ink, written over the printed name "Frank Mann, Jr." and extending upwards into the "Your humble servant," line.

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