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The Honorable Rick Scott
Governor of the State of Florida
The Capitol
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0001

Dear Governor Scott,

I am writing to inform you of my resignation as a judge of Florida's Third District Court of Appeal effective August 1, 2013. For the past eight and one-half years, it has been an honor to work not only with my colleagues on the Third District but also with the many distinguished appellate and trial judges throughout the State of Florida. Florida is blessed to have a superbly talented judiciary, unmatched in its dedication to public service, independence, and intellectual abilities. As a private attorney, I intend to fully support and promote the retention of our outstanding jurists as well as the recruitment of talented attorneys to our judiciary. If Florida's economy is to thrive, it cannot do so without public confidence in our judiciary and government.

I will especially miss my fellow judges on the court, who I respect not only for their intellect but for their warmth and ever-present collegiality. They and their predecessors taught me that the institution is greater than any individual judge. I will also miss my staff as well as all the judicial assistants and the dedicated employees in the Clerk's and Marshal's offices.



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Although I am saddened to resign as a judge, I am very much looking forward to commencing my work as a shareholder at Gunster. After meeting with Gunster's Board of Directors and its leadership, I was impressed with their vision and plans for the firm and especially its Miami office. Gunster offered me unparalleled opportunities to make use of my extensive trial and appellate experience to serve domestic and international clients in a wide spectrum of cases, including complex litigation, receiverships, appeals, arbitrations, and white collar defense.

I know I will greatly miss being a judge but am eager and excited to return to private practice.

Yours very truly,

Judge Angel A. Cortiñas
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cc: Peter Antonacci, General Counsel to the Governor