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STATE OF FLORIDA
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S. Edwards-Stephens
CIRCUIT JUDGE

July 24, 2013

The Honorable Rick Scott
Governor of Florida
Florida Capital-*Sent via facsimile (850 921 0733) and U.S. Mail*
400 S Monroe Street
Tallahassee Florida 32399-0001

Dear Governor Scott:

After 32 years of public service, 23 of which were on the judiciary, I have decided to retire from employment with the State of Florida. By this letter, please be advised that I will be resigning (retiring) my Commission as Circuit Court Judge for the Fifth Judicial Circuit, effective **October 31, 2013**.

I am grateful that in 1990, the voters of Marion County took a leap of faith and elected me the first woman Judge in the Fifth Judicial Circuit. I am especially grateful that in 2000, former Governor Jeb Bush elevated me to the Fifth Circuit Bench, as the first African-American.

It has been an honor, privilege, and a blessing to service the People of the State of Florida.

Respectfully,

Sandra Edwards-Stephens
Circuit Court Judge, Fifth Judicial Circuit

xc: The Honorable Don F. Briggs, Chief Judge of the Fifth Judicial Circuit
The Honorable David B. Eddy, Administrative Judge of the Marion County
David M. Trammell, Trial Court Administrator of the Fifth Judicial Circuit
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