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The Honorable Rick Scott
Governor of the State of Florida
The Capitol
400 S. Monroe Street
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0001

RE: Death of Miami-Dade County Court Judge Shelley J. Kravitz

Dear Governor Scott:

I regret to inform you of the passing of Miami-Dade County Court Judge Shelley J. Kravitz. Judge Kravitz passed away on January 2, 2018.

Throughout her 25 years on the County Court bench, Judge Kravitz served in the Domestic Violence and Criminal Divisions, and most recently in the Civil Division. In addition to her work on the Bench, Judge Kravitz contributed to the legal community through the Conference of the County Court Judges, where she served as past president and legislative chair for 15 years. She received the Harvey Ford Award, the highest honor bestowed by the Conference. Judge Kravitz also served as past president of the Miami-Dade Chapter of the Florida Association for Women Lawyers.

Judge Kravitz was not only a dedicated judge but a very caring person who devoted her time to this community and to the legal profession through her many years on the Miami-Dade County Canvassing Board and her extensive contributions to the Conference of County Court Judges. Prior to becoming an attorney and judge, she was a school teacher and she continued to show her love for children by being involved in the court's educational activities for visiting school groups. She will be greatly missed by all of us here.

By way of this letter, I would like to also notify you that her death creates a constitutional vacancy in office. I respectfully ask that you convene the Judicial Nominating Commission so that a replacement may be named. Kindly advise if I can be of any further assistance.

Respectfully submitted,


Bertila Soto

cc: Hans Ottinot Sr., Chair, Judicial Nominating Commission