



CIRCUIT COURT  
ELEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA

GISELA CARDONNE ELY  
CIRCUIT JUDGE

June 15, 2017

DADE COUNTY COURTHOUSE  
73 WEST FLAGLER STREET  
MIAMI, FLORIDA 33130

Hon. Rick Scott, Governor  
400 S. Monroe Street  
Tallahassee, Florida 32399

Dear Governor Scott:

Please accept my resignation as Circuit Judge of the Eleventh Judicial Circuit of Florida, effective midnight, July 31, 2017. My service, as County and Circuit Court Judge since 1982, has been the greatest honor of my life.

I want to thank the Honorable Bob Graham for appointing me to County Court, the people's Court. He showed tremendous confidence in me and his trust changed my life. I also thank the Honorable Bob Martinez, who elevated me to the Circuit Court from which I now proudly retire.

Additionally, I want to thank the hundreds of persons who serve together with judges to achieve our mission: "To protect rights and liberties, uphold and interpret the law, and provide for the peaceful resolution of disputes."

Our courtrooms have a motto behind each judge's chair: We Who Labor Here Seek Only Truth-- we all strive to make the statement a reality each and every day. I hope that I have contributed to that endeavor.

Thank you for your kind attention.

Sincerely,

*Gisela Cardonne Ely*  
Gisela Cardonne Ely

Cc: Hon. Jorge Labarga, Chief Justice  
Hon. Bertila Soto, Chief Judge  
Hon. Bob Graham  
Hon. Bob Martinez