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Office of Governor Rick Scott  
State of Florida  
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400 S. Monroe St.  
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Dear Governor Scott,

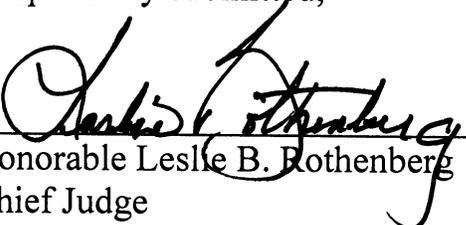
It is with mixed emotions that I officially submit this notice of my retirement from the bench. I have spent my entire legal career serving the people of Florida, first as an Assistant State Attorney and then as judge for nearly twenty-five years. It has truly been an honor and a labor of love. I have such great respect for the rule of law, and to have been given this opportunity to study and apply the law, not as a business, but rather in its purest form as a judge, is a privilege and a responsibility very few have experienced.

I will forever be grateful to the people of this great State for electing me to the circuit court, and to Governor Jeb Bush, his general counsel Raquel Rodriguez, and the members of the Judicial Nominating Commission for playing their part in my appointment to the Third District Court of Appeal. But, as I initially noted, I leave

the bench with mixed emotions, because as much as I have enjoyed my service on the bench, I am also looking forward to the next chapter of my legal career.

Thank you for the opportunity of a life time. I trust that you will make a wise selection when filling my “seat” on the Court. My retirement shall be effective on December 31, 2018.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Honorable Leslie B. Rothenberg  
Chief Judge  
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