



**State of Florida**  
**Ninth Judicial Circuit Court of Florida**

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VIA EMAIL AND U.S. MAIL

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

Dear Governor Scott:

First, I want to say thank you for appointing me to the position of Circuit Court Judge in the Ninth Judicial Circuit in 2013. I was elected without opposition in 2016.

After giving this topic much thought and consideration, I have decided to retire from my judicial position next year. I am therefore providing notice that my last day will be February 1, 2018.

I will be forever grateful that I had the opportunity to serve as a Circuit Judge. It was a once in a lifetime experience. I have met and worked with wonderful colleagues and learned much from them. After my departure I will continue to serve my home state of Florida and our great country in ways where I think I might make a difference.

Governor Scott, I sincerely thank you for having entrusted me with this important responsibility. It was and will remain my highest honor.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "C. Underwood".

Christi L. Underwood  
Circuit Judge

cc:

The Honorable Jorge Labarga, Chief Justice of the Florida Supreme Court (via US mail)  
Mr. William N. Spicola, Office of the General Counsel (via US mail)  
Honorable Frederick J. Lauten, Chief Judge, Ninth Judicial Circuit (via hand delivery)  
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