



**OLIN W. SHINHOLSER**  
JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT  
STATE OF FLORIDA, COUNTY OF HIGHLANDS

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Governor Rick Scott  
Office of the Governor  
400 S. Monroe Street  
Tallahassee, Florida 32399

Subject: Retirement

Dear Governor Scott:

I have had the honor and privilege to serve the citizens of this state for the last 36 years and 3 months. I served as an assistant state attorney for 10 years. In January, 1990, I began serving as County Judge for Highlands County. I served in that role until September, 2002, when I was appointed to the Circuit bench wherein I have served until now.

I am formally announcing my retirement effective 11:59 PM on December 26, 2016. This date precedes the end of my term. It is my desire and request that my successor be appointed by you. While there are certainly debatable points as to the pros and cons of succession by appointment verses election, it is my belief based upon years of observation that the appointment process is superior to the election process in the judicial context.

Please formally accept my retirement as of the date indicated above.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Olin W. Shinholser,  
Circuit Judge

Cc: The Honorable Jorge Labarga, Chief Justice of the Florida Supreme Court  
The Honorable Don Jacobson, Chief Judge, Tenth Judicial Circuit  
Ms. PK Jameson, Florida State Courts Administrator  
Mr. Nick Sudzina, Court Administrator, Tenth Judicial Circuit  
Florida Division of Retirement