



Eighth Judicial Circuit of Florida

Alachua, Baker, Bradford, Gilchrist, Levy, Union Counties

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The Honorable Charlie Crist
Governor of Florida
The Capitol
400 S. Monroe Street
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RE: Resignation as Circuit Judge, Eighth Judicial Circuit of Florida
Effective 31 January 2010

Dear Governor Crist:

Public service is a very special privilege, and I am thankful for the opportunity that I have had to dedicate my professional life to the people of the Eighth Judicial Circuit of Florida. I am especially grateful that former Governor Bob Graham appointed me to the bench in July 1986, and that the voters of Alachua, Baker, Bradford, Levy, Gilchrist, and Union Counties have elected me to office four times since then. The trust that my fellow citizens have placed in me, especially the members of our local bar, is an honor that far surpasses all other professional achievements that I have known.

Now it is time for me to move toward new opportunities. Therefore, I hereby resign my commission and the office of Circuit Judge of the Eighth Judicial Circuit of Florida, effective at 12:00 p.m. on 31 January 2010. I ask that you and your staff fill my position as expeditiously as you can, so that the people of this circuit do not experience an unnecessary interruption of the judicial services that they so well deserve.

Thank you for your service to the people of Florida.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Frederick D. Smith in black ink.
Frederick D. Smith

cc: The Honorable Martha Ann Lott, Chief Judge