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The Honorable Rick Scott
Governor of the State of Florida
The Capitol
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Re: Judge of the Circuit Court, 7th Judicial Circuit, Group 8

Dear Governor Scott:

Please accept this correspondence as my resignation of the office of circuit judge, which I have held since January 10, 1992, to be effective at the close of business on December 28, 2016.

The term of my office will expire on January 2, 2017. It is my intention to resign from the office prior to the commencement of the statutory qualifying period which begins May 2, 2016; to create a physical vacancy in the seat between December 28, 2016, and the start of the next term on January 2, 2107; and to permit you to fill the vacancy by appointment.

It has truly been my honor to serve the people of the State of Florida. I hope you will appoint someone who will love the work as much as I have, who will respect the dignity of the office, and who will make us both proud.

It will be appreciated if you will confirm your acceptance of the terms of my resignation at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

Joseph G. Will

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Subject: Resignation

In this election year there has been an unusual level of interest in end of my judicial career as I have been considering the precise means of ending it. It has been a difficult decision, as many of you are aware, inasmuch as so many have actively participated in the process. I want to thank all of you for your wise counsel, advice, and support.

Ultimately, I have decided to resign in such a manner that the seat known as Group 8 will be filled by appointment, not by election. A copy of my letter to the governor is attached. I have been assured the

resignation will be accepted by the executive before the qualifying period begins on May 2, 2016. I will remain in the position until the end of the year at which time I am confident that the governor will provide you an eager, competent, and industrious replacement.
As always, I look forward to working with you for the balance of the year.

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