

To the Residents of Brevard County:

I am happy and relieved to be back at work serving the people of Brevard County, and I thank Judge Harris for his support and the confidence he has shown in me. I also am gratified that Mr. Trettis, our Public Defender, Mr. Archer, our State Attorney, and my many judicial colleagues with whom I have spoken are supporting me in my return to the bench.

There may not be words strong enough to express the regret I have over my actions of June 2 - not because of the consequences to me but because it was wrong and may have tarnished the reputation of the entire judiciary. I love my job and have refocused myself on doing all I can to make myself a better person and a better judge.

I thank the many people who have supported me despite my behavior that day, and I am committed to winning back the confidence of the people I work with daily.

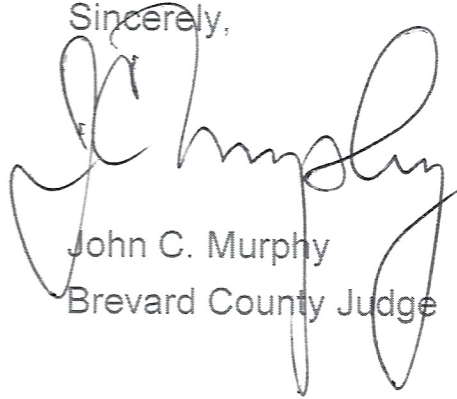
Maybe even more importantly, I am committed to continuing personal improvement so that I can win back the confidence of you, the people of Brevard County who elected me and bestowed upon me the honor to serve. I fully understand that I have violated the trust you placed in me, and I know there is a long road ahead to win it back. I promise to do my best.

My actions may have caused some to question the judiciary's commitment to the opportunity to be heard, due process and justice for all. My 18th Judicial Circuit colleagues and judges everywhere are dedicated to doing what is fair and right. That fact needs to be clear and should be a comfort to anyone who appears in one of our courtrooms. I am always impressed by my judicial colleagues, and I have offered my personal apology to each of them.

My leave of absence has allowed me to slow down, reflect, and work on my personal and professional shortcomings. I seek to ensure that this sort of unacceptable behavior will never happen again. I am very happy to get back to work. I thank all the judges, lawyers, military, church friends, and

the public who have shown their support for me because they know the true John Murphy. Again, I offer my sincere apology for my behavior on June 2, 2014.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John C. Murphy". The signature is stylized with large, sweeping loops and a long, vertical tail stroke on the right side.

John C. Murphy
Brevard County Judge