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The Honorable Rick Scott  
Governor of the State of Florida  
c/o Office of the Governor's General Counsel  
Room 209, The Capitol  
400 South Monroe Street  
Tallahassee, FL 32399

Re: Appointment of Judge Randell H. Rowe, III, to the Fifth District Court of Appeal

Dear Governor Scott,

Please accept this letter as my official endorsement of Circuit Judge Randell H. Rowe, III, for appointment to the Fifth District Court of Appeal. Judge Rowe has honorably served as a circuit judge in the Seventh Judicial Circuit for more than 12 years. He presides in both DeLand and Daytona Beach within Volusia County.

Prior to joining the bench, Judge Rowe served the citizens of Volusia County for nearly 12 years as an assistant county attorney with the Volusia County Attorney's Office. In December 2005 Governor Jeb Bush appointed Judge Rowe to the circuit court bench. Since that time, Judge Rowe has presided over thousands of cases in all areas of the law. He has served in a criminal felony division for five years, a civil division for more than five years, and a family law division for two years. Also, he regularly presides over appellate cases from the county court and administrative tribunals. It is my understanding that Judge Rowe has an excellent reputation as a circuit judge, and that he was elected without opposition to a full term in 2008 and then reelected unopposed in 2014.

I believe that Judge Rowe would make an outstanding addition to the appellate court, where he would continue to serve the citizens of our state with distinction. Therefore, I respectfully offer my endorsement of Judge Rowe for your appointment to the Fifth District Court of Appeal. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Michael J. Chitwood  
Sheriff of Volusia County

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