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April 29, 2022

BY HAND DELIVERY

The Honorable Ron DeSantis  
Governor of the State of Florida  
The Capitol  
400 South Monroe Street  
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0001

Dear Governor DeSantis:

By this letter I announce that I will retire from the Supreme Court of Florida on August 31, 2022, creating a vacancy on the Court as of that date.

One of the greatest joys of my 35-year legal career has been and continues to be the ability to serve alongside a bench and bar filled with extraordinary individuals who work tirelessly to assure that the citizens we serve are well-served by our system of justice. That system is often criticized yet still endures as the best system of justice that the world has ever seen.

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I have every hope that you will further strengthen Florida's justice system as you attentively and thoughtfully appoint my replacement. Godspeed as you initiate that process.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Alan Lawson", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Alan Lawson

cc: The Honorable Charles T. Canady