



Levy County Court

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Honorable Governor Crist,

It has been an honor to serve as Levy County Court Judge since June 1993. The experience had been challenging and gratifying. However, it is time to retire and accordingly I hereby submit my resignation as Levy County Court Judge effective December 31, 2009.

By copy of this letter to the Eighth Judicial Circuit Judicial Nominating Committee, I am notifying them of my resignation so that the process for appointment can commence.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joseph E. Smith", is written over a circular embossed seal. The signature is fluid and cursive.

*Joseph E. Smith
Levy County Judge*

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*CC: Hon. Martha Lott, Chief Judge Eighth Judicial Circuit
Brian Kramer, Chairman Eighth Judicial Circuit Nominating Committee*