



Supreme Court of Florida

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Justice Ricky Polston Announces Resignation from Florida Supreme Court

TALLAHASSEE – Justice Ricky Polston today notified the Governor of his resignation from the Florida Supreme Court, effective March 31.

“Ricky Polston is a good man, and he has been a treasured colleague, friend, and role model to all of us on the Court,” said Chief Justice Carlos Muñiz. “We are grateful for Justice Polston’s decades of exemplary service to the people of our state.”

Polston, 67, joined the Supreme Court in 2008 as its 83rd Justice. He served as the state’s 55th Chief Justice from 2012-2014. Polston’s time as Chief Justice was marked by the national foreclosure crisis and the hundreds of thousands of additional court filings in the state that resulted. He also led vital technological initiatives, including the branch’s transition to mandatory electronic filing.

“I am grateful for the public trust placed in me during my judicial career. It has been my great honor to serve the people of Florida,” Polston said.

Justice Polston is a graduate of Chipola College and Florida State University, where he graduated *summa cum laude*. He worked as a certified public accountant before returning to Florida State University College of Law. He then worked in private practice, primarily in commercial litigation. In 2001, he was appointed to the First District Court of Appeal.

Polston and his wife of 45 years, Deborah Ehler Polston, have 10 children, including an adopted sibling group of six, and numerous grandchildren.

For more information, see the following links:

[Justice Polston](#)

[High-resolution photo](#)

Justice Polston’s letter to Governor DeSantis is attached.



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March 20, 2023

Governor Ron DeSantis
The Capitol
400 South Monroe Street
Tallahassee, Florida 32399

Dear Governor DeSantis,

I am writing to resign from the Florida Supreme Court effective March 31, 2023. It has been my great honor to serve the people of Florida in the judiciary for over 22 years, the first 8 years as a judge of the First District Court of Appeal and then 14 years as a justice of the Court.

I truly am grateful for the opportunity to work with such great jurists, lawyers, and all those involved with the judiciary.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Ricky Polston".

Ricky Polston

cc: Chief Justice Carlos Muniz