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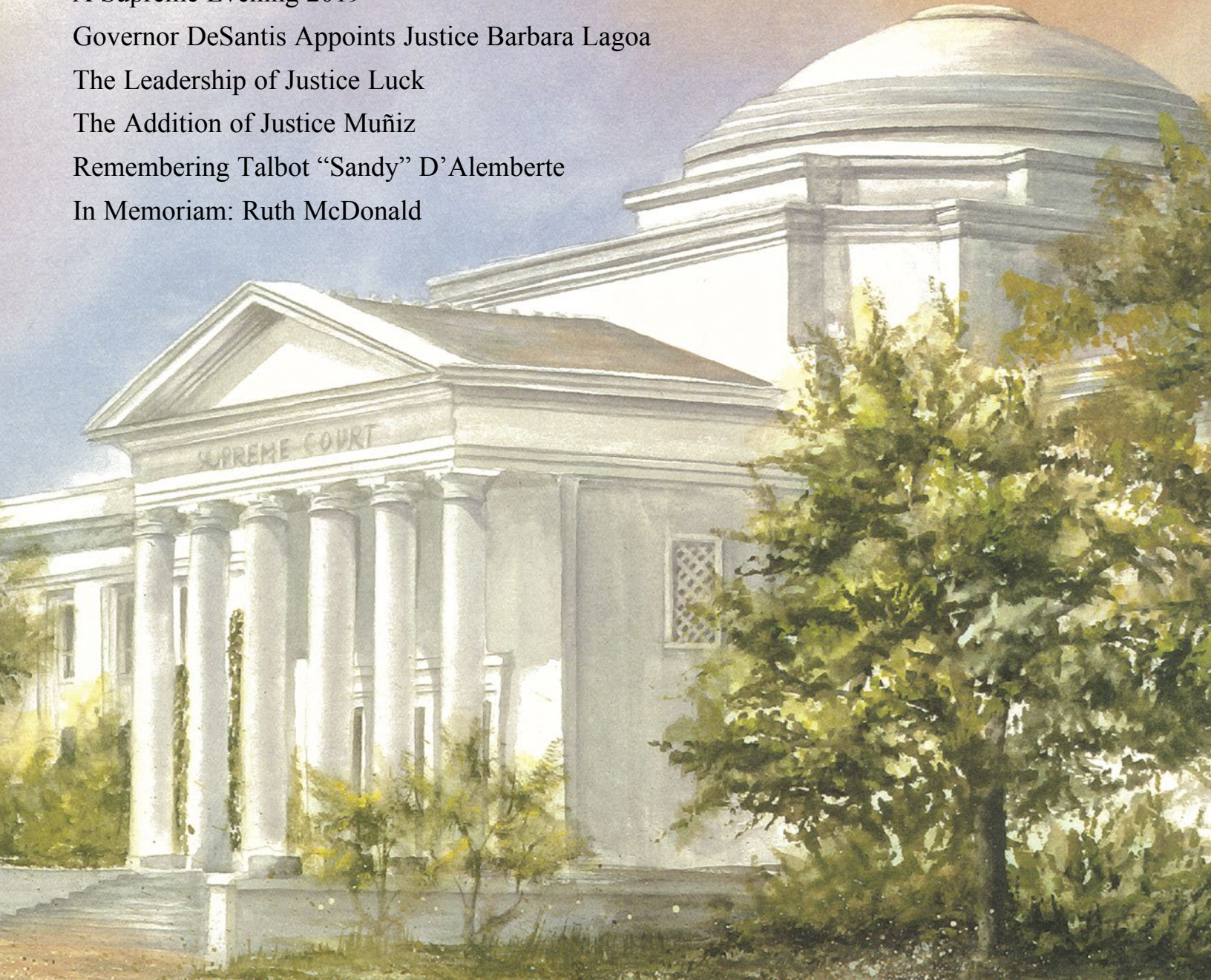
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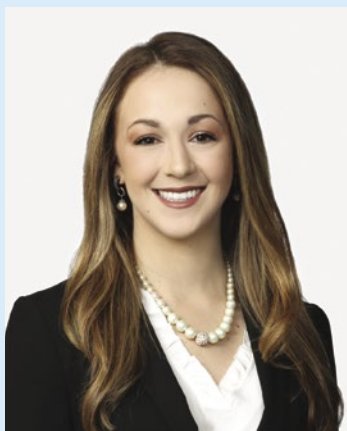
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FROM THE EDITOR



In just six months, 2019 has been an exciting and important year for the Supreme Court of Florida and, more broadly, the State of Florida. Upon the mandatory retirement of Justices Lewis, Pariente, and Quince, the Court welcomed Justices Lagoa, Luck, and Muñiz. The Florida Supreme Court Historical Society has been busy, hosting retirement celebrations for the retiring Justices and planning investitures for the newest Justices.

This year has also been marked by the unfortunate loss of a Florida legend and Trustee of the Society, Talbot “Sandy” D’Alemberte. Although our community is heartbroken by the loss, I have no doubt that Professor D’Alemberte’s — as I knew him—legacy will last for generations.

It was my pleasure having the opportunity to finalize this edition of the *Historical Review*. Thank you to the Board for their support and to all of the contributors.

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

It is without any sense of irony that I can affirmatively state that the past six months at the Florida Supreme Court have, in fact, been “historic(al).” At no time in the 79 years since the Florida Supreme Court’s membership was increased to seven Justices have three Justices left the Court at precisely the same time, as occurred in January of this year with the retirements of Justices R. Fred Lewis, Barbara Pariente and Peggy Quince. What’s more, those retirements coincided to the day with the swearing in of a new Governor, Ron DeSantis, who almost immediately upon entering office was required to appoint new Justices to fill the three vacancies.

Justices Lewis, Pariente and Quince created a remarkable legacy at the Court. Each served on the Court in excess of 20 years and authored hundreds of opinions (as well as a dissent or two, here and there). Their accomplishments and accolades are far too many to enumerate, but I would encourage anyone interested in learning about these remarkable jurists to review their biographies on the Florida Supreme Court’s website (<https://www.floridasupremecourt.org/Justices/Former-Justices>). Suffice it to say that they not only served the bench and bar of Florida with the highest distinction, but they dedicated themselves to causes critical to the betterment of all Floridians. The Florida Supreme Court Historical Society considers itself privileged to have been able to interact with these justices for so many years.

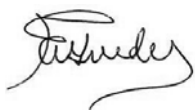


Upon their departure, Governor DeSantis appointed, in rapid succession, Justices Barbara Lagoa, Robert Luck and Carlos Muñoz – the 87th, 88th and 89th Justices of the Florida Supreme Court, respectively. Justices Lagoa and Luck were both serving as colleagues on the Third District Court of Appeal immediately before appointment, while Justice Muñoz served as general counsel for the United States Department of Education. They bring a wealth of valuable experience to their new roles. The Society was honored to welcome the three of them to the Court at the Society’s annual dinner, A Supreme Evening, on February 7, 2019.

The dinner, itself, set new standards, hosting a record audience of more than 500 guests. Included among them was one particularly special guest: Governor DeSantis – the first time in more than a decade that a sitting Governor attended the dinner and addressed the guests. Governor DeSantis graciously agreed to appear and introduce the new justices to an audience eager to meet them and learn about their appointment. The keynote speaker for the evening was none other than former U.S. Solicitor General, Ted Olson, now back at Gibson Dunn & Crutcher. Mr. Olson, who has argued dozens of cases before the United States Supreme Court, including the *Bush v. Gore* election dispute and the Prop 8 same-sex marriage challenge, addressed the audience on his experiences.

As I come to the end of my second year as president of this wonderful organization, I pause to reflect on how privileged I have been to work with such an amazing board of trustees and such terrific staff in furthering the important mission of the Society. None of the Society’s accomplishments these past two years would have been possible without the tireless efforts of those individuals, and to them I extend my sincerest appreciation and my wishes for continued success.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "E. Guedes".

Edward G. Guedes
President
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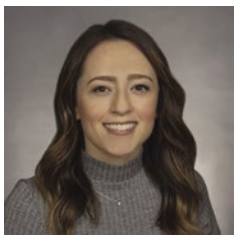
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A LOOK BACK AT OUR RECENT COURT TRANSITION & THE LEGISLATIVE SESSION

BY CHARLES CANADY,
CHIEF JUSTICE OF THE
SUPREME COURT OF FLORIDA

In January this year, the Florida Supreme Court welcomed three new members during a historic series of announcements by Governor Ron DeSantis. Three Justices have not been added in such a short period to the Court since December 1, 1902—and that only occurred because of a change in law that expanded the Court from three to six members.

Barbara Lagoa joined the Court on January 9, 2019, after the Governor’s announcement at Miami’s famous Freedom Tower. It was a fitting backdrop. The Tower long has been a symbol for Cuban Americans who fled their homeland in search of liberty, as Justice Lagoa’s own parents had done. Governor DeSantis’ appointment made Justice Lagoa the Court’s first Cuban-American woman. Justice Lagoa came to the Court after a distinguished thirteen-year career on the Third District Court of Appeal.

On January 14, 2019, the Governor made another appointment that reflected the rich diversity of our state and the longstanding traditions surrounding Court membership. Robert J. Luck was named to the Court at a press conference held at his former school, Scheck Hillel Community School in North Miami Beach. Justice Luck was at the age of 39 among the youngest Justices to become a member of our Court. He brings to the Court valuable experience as a judge both on the Eleventh Judicial Circuit Court and on the Third District Court of Appeal.

Finally, on January 22, 2019, Governor DeSantis named Carlos G. Muñoz to the Court. Justice Muñoz brings extensive experience as a lawyer in both the executive and legislative branches, including service as the Deputy Attorney General of Florida and General Counsel of the United States Department of Education.

Of course, new Justices only come because of the departure of former members. The simultaneous retirement of three Justices on the same day was unprecedented. It occurred only because of the Florida Constitution’s mandatory retirement provision.

The Historical Society and the entire legal community have taken the lead in honoring our recent retirees—Justice Barbara J. Pariente, Justice R. Fred Lewis, and Justice Peggy A. Quince. The Society and its staff have worked hard to organize these retirement celebrations held around the state, letting us properly recognize our former Justices for their years of service.



As changes have taken place in the composition of the Court, we have also had a transition in the Office of the State Courts Administrator. State Courts Administrator PK Jameson left our service in February after years of hard work helping coordinate the statewide administration of the branch. She also handled the task of advancing our budget issues in the Legislature. We are deeply grateful to PK for her tireless efforts on behalf of Florida’s judicial branch.

Ms. Jameson was replaced on an interim basis by former State Courts Administrator Lisa Goodner Kiel, who worked diligently on the initiatives PK Jameson had begun. Because of hard work by these two—along with many hours of work by judges from around the state—the state courts finally were able to obtain more than \$10 million to address our need to recruit and retain qualified judicial staff.

This is a major achievement for our branch. All the judges in our state can only do our jobs with the support of judicial staff. We are deeply grateful to the Legislature for helping us ensure that adequate compensation can be provided for our staff. This measure will help us all in carrying out our responsibility to provide justice for the people of Florida.

JUSTICE R. FRED LEWIS RETURNS TO MIAMI FOR A CELEBRATION OF HIS LEGAL AND JUDICIAL CAREER

BY KIMBERLY KANOFF BERMAN

On April 18, 2019, colleagues, friends, and family from across the State gathered to honor former Justice R. Fred Lewis at his retirement celebration in Coral Gables, Florida. The Florida Supreme Court Historical Society, along with 20 voluntary bar associations, co-hosted the “Celebration of the Legal & Judicial Career of Justice R. Fred Lewis.” In addition, 44 firms and other organizations provided generous sponsorships, and a group of dedicated colleagues served on the local and statewide host committee to help make this evening possible.



Justice Lewis's family had an active role in his celebration.

Guests enjoyed a reception with passed hors d'oeuvres and cocktails in the lobby of the Coral Gables Country Club, where they had the opportunity to congratulate Justice Lewis and his family. After the reception, guests were welcomed into a large, beautifully decorated ballroom for the evening's program of distinguished colleagues selected to speak about Justice Lewis's achievements. Honoring Justice Lewis's special requests for a musical portion of his celebration, professional performer Kevin Laurence played the piano during the reception and dinner.

To kick off the program, Marcus Bach-Armas, a longtime family friend of the Lewis family, joined Mr. Laurence to sing the “National Anthem” and “Country Roads.” “Country Roads” was played as a tribute to Justice Lewis's past. It was mentioned throughout the night how Justice Lewis grew up in Beckley, West Virginia—a coal mining town—but escaped a life working in the mines and moved

to Florida to attend college at Florida Southern College in Lakeland. It was at Florida Southern where Justice Lewis met his future wife, Judith Marie Munc, while he was dating Judy's roommate. Justice Lewis and Judy had two daughters, Elle and Lindsay. Elle later married and had two daughters, Evans and Ellison. Elle and her husband, along with their two daughters, attended the event to celebrate with their father and grandfather.

Justice Lewis's granddaughter, Evans Anderson, gave the Pledge of Allegiance. His other granddaughter, Ellison Anderson, presented the Invocation. This added a personal touch to these every day components of a program such as this.

After Florida Supreme Court Historical Society President Ed Guedes welcomed everyone, he introduced Dan R. Stengle as the Master of Ceremonies. Mr. Stengle, also a long-time friend of the Lewis family, recalled how he came to know Justice Lewis when he was working as general counsel for then-Governor Lawton Chiles.

Mr. Stengle had the pleasure of interviewing Justice Lewis for a position on Florida's Third District Court of Appeal and then the Supreme Court of Florida. Justice Lewis had twice applied to the Third District. Each time he was among the three finalists submitted to Governor Chiles for consideration. Both times, he was passed over. When it came time to interview for the vacancy on the Supreme Court, Governor Chiles was already well-acquainted with Justice Lewis and selected him over the other candidates with prior judicial experience.

Florida Supreme Court Historical Society Trustee, Herman Russomanno, described Justice Lewis as a "48-hour-a-day dynamo with a heart of gold." Mr. Russomanno spoke about the cardinal virtues of a great justice. These virtues included: (1) independence; (2) courtesy and patience; (3) dignity; (4) open-mindedness; (5) impartiality; (6) thoroughness and decisiveness; (7) an understanding heart; and (8) social consciousness. Justice Lewis certainly possessed all of these virtues. Justice Lewis exceeded the high demands of his office and administered justice with kindness, wisdom of the heart and mind, and a high courage and a sure inward vision that are born of knowledge, experience, and an unwavering invincible faith.

Kelly Shami, Justice Lewis's most recent former staff attorney, spoke on behalf of all of his former staff attorneys. According to Ms. Shami, Justice Lewis had the utmost respect for his staff attorneys and treated them as equals. He was always interested in hearing their opinions on cases and inspired them to be better writers and later advocates. Ms. Shami explained that as a staff attorney for Justice Lewis, you were part of his "family." He and his wife genuinely cared about each of the staff attorneys and took care of them as if they were one of their own children.

Franklin R. Harrison, past chair of the Florida Board of Bar Examiners, developed a friendship with Justice Lewis while they worked together on the Florida Board of Bar Examiners. Mr. Harrison described Justice Lewis's love for the profession and recalled that Justice Lewis was part of the impetus to insist that the State of Florida increase the bar passage threshold to 136. This suggestion was met with disdain but proved to be essential to raising the bar on the quality of lawyers in the State. Justice Lewis was also instrumental in bringing about the Commission on Professionalism.

Scott L. Baena, the current Chair of the Florida Board of Bar Examiners, also thanked Justice Lewis for his years of service with the Bar Examiners. He presented him with a gift on behalf of the Board of Bar Examiners.

Justice Lewis's daughter, Elle Anderson, spoke about Justice Lewis, not as a lawyer or former justice, but as her father. She recalled the advice that someone gave Justice Lewis in the delivery room after she was born—"follow that baby girl." And, that he did. He was a very involved father and was devoted to her mother, her sister Lindsay, and to her. Elle and her father shared a passion for the Miami Hurricanes and enjoyed traveling across Florida and the United States. He inspired her to follow her dreams and enabled her to become the woman she is today.

Justice Lewis's devoted wife, Judy, recalled how the two met in college at Florida Southern. He was dating her roommate, but, before long, they had become an item. When they married and moved to Miami, she worked full time as a school teacher and later gave birth to their first daughter, Elle. Then, when their daughter Lindsay was born with a rare disease, Justice Lewis took a year off from work to research the disease and devise a strategy to give Lindsay the best life possible. Justice Lewis was dedicated to his family and community.

It was this dedication that led to the creation of one of Justice Lewis's legacies: the Justice Teaching Program. According to Annette Pitts, Justice Lewis was troubled that most students' only exposure to attorneys and the legal system was in negative situations—when a family member is accused of a crime, divorce, a home foreclosure, or traffic violations. This often skewed the students' perception of our legal system.

From his chambers, Justice Lewis created the Justice Teaching Program to change those perceptions. The program includes a full curriculum of age-appropriate lesson plans to ensure continuity



Chair of the Florida Board of Bar Examiners, Scott Baena, presented Justice Lewis with a token of appreciation for his long and exemplary service as the Supreme Court's liaison to the Bar Examiners.



Justice Teaching Program's Select Committee members – Third DCA Judge Kevin Emas, 19th Circuit Judge Cynthia Cox, and 19th Circuit Judge William Roby – thanked Justice and Mrs. Lewis for their service with some very special gifts, including a painted portrait of Justice Lewis, a custom-framed drawing of Justice Lewis in the classroom, and a plaque proclaiming Justice Lewis an honorary conch from Key West.



Alina Rodriguez, Justice Lewis, and Historical Society Trustee Edith Osman

with the program. The goal of the program was “to promote an understanding of Florida’s justice system and our laws, develop critical thinking, abilities and problem-solving skills and demonstrate the effective interaction of our courts within the constitutional structure.” In other words, the goal was not to encourage students to pursue a career in law, but to educate students and make them better-informed citizens.

Justice Lewis’s original and very ambitious goal was to place a judge or attorney volunteer in every school in Florida, both public and private. As with everything Justice Lewis did, he was successful in achieving that goal. But Justice Lewis did not just place those attorneys and judges in the schools. He traveled throughout the state speaking to students and teaching the very lesson plans he helped create. His hands-on experience was illustrated in many photographs, which were displayed on the giant screen at the event.

The Justice Teaching Program has garnered attention around the country. As part of this recognition, Justice Lewis received the 2014 Justice Sandra Day O’Connor National Award for Civic Education.

Although Justice Lewis has retired from the Court, his legacy of the Justice Teaching Program lives on. Ms. Pitts will now serve as the executive director of the Program, and the Program will be run from none other than Florida Southern, where Justice Lewis’s time in Florida began.

A select committee of the Justice Teaching Program from across the state, including judges from different courts, made a special presentation to Justice Lewis to thank him for his contributions to this wonderful program, for his dedication to the judiciary, and for his work as a public servant. They presented Justice Lewis with gifts, which included an honorary conch from Key West Circuit Judge Timothy J. Koenig.

Finally, Justice Lewis remarked about his time at the Supreme Court. His face lit up with joy when he spoke about his family and the Justice Teaching Program. He was honored to have the opportunity to serve the community for so many years as a Justice on the Supreme Court of Florida and to be able to create the Justice Teaching Program to mold future generations of Florida citizens.

It was evident from all of the presentations that Justice Lewis is passionate about his family and education. In his 21 years on the Court, Justice Lewis distinguished himself as an accomplished jurist and public servant. He authored a number of significant decisions, but it is his steadfast commitment to educating the future generation that will continue to inspire many for years to come. ■

Pictures from Justice Lewis’s retirement celebration can be found at www.flcourthistory.org/JusticeLewis

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JUSTICE PEGGY A. QUINCE'S RETIREMENT CELEBRATION

BY MELANIE KALMANSON

Justice Peggy A. Quince was one of three Justices who retired from the Supreme Court of Florida in January 2019. Before beginning her judicial career, she practiced general civil law before beginning her career at the Attorney General's Office, Criminal Division, in 1980. Justice Quince served as an assistant attorney general for over 13 years, handling numerous appeals and focusing specifically on death penalty cases.



Former Justice Quince addresses guests at her retirement celebration in Tampa, Florida.



Administrative Law Judge June McKinney receives a warm hug after her heartfelt and endearing introduction of her very close friend, Justice Quince.

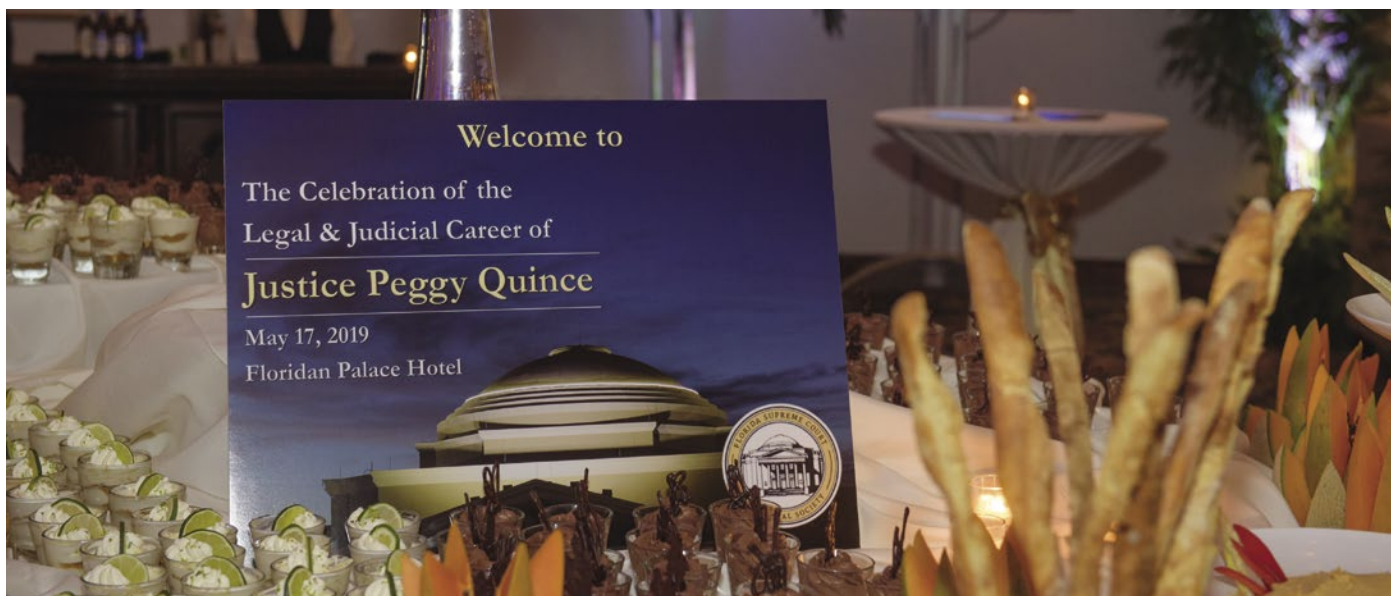


Administrative Law Judge June McKinney introduces Justice Quince to guests.

Laid-back and elegant, Justice Quince's retirement celebration on May 17 was just like her.

In 1993, Justice Quince began her judicial career when she was the first African-American female appointed to Florida's Second District Court of Appeal. In December 1998, the late Florida Governor Lawton Chiles appointed Justice Quince to the Supreme Court of Florida, making her the third woman appointed to the State's highest court. Justice Quince served as Florida's Chief Justice from 2008-2010. Throughout her career, Justice Quince earned a variety of well-deserved honors.

For her retirement, former Florida Supreme Court Justice Peggy Quince gifted herself a several-month cruise that took her around the world—from South America, to New Zealand and Australia, to India, to Western Europe. Two days after she disembarked the MS Amsterdam, Justice Quince met family, friends, and colleagues who gathered in Tampa to celebrate her recent retirement from the Court and her 40 years of service to the State of Florida.



Laid-back and elegant, Justice Quince's retirement celebration on May 17 was just like her. The celebration was held in the ballroom of the historic Floridan Palace Hotel in downtown Tampa—Justice Quince's home city. Justice Quince was able to spend the evening greeting and speaking with guests. Guests also had the opportunity to record a video message for Justice Quince. When they were not speaking with or recording a message for Justice Quince, guests enjoyed great food and live music from a jazz quartet.

Administrative Law Judge June C. McKinney introduced Justice Quince, emphasizing—aside from her great work—her ability to make and keep long-lasting relationships. Indeed, many of Justice Quince's Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority sisters were in attendance. Current Justices Lawson and Lagoa also attended the event. Justice Quince thanked guests and remarked that she has already made and is looking forward to more travel plans!



The Florida Supreme Court Historical Society is proud to have hosted this celebration honoring Justice Quince's distinguished career and thanks all of its sponsors who made the event possible. ■

Pictures from Justice Quince's retirement celebration can be found at www.flcourthistory.org/JusticeQuince

Top to bottom: (1) As she did all evening, Justice Quince warmly greeted longtime friend and Historical Society Trustee, Tim Chinaris. **(2)** Former Justice Quince greets current Justices Lawson and Lagoa, who shared in the celebration.

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JUSTICE BARBARA J. PARIENTE CELEBRATES HER RETIREMENT WITH THE LEGAL AID SOCIETY OF PALM BEACH COUNTY

BY MELANIE KALMANSON



Justice Pariente addresses guests after being presented with a heartfelt gift.

I will never forget the day, during my 3L year at the FSU College of Law, I told then-Dean Weidner that I had confirmed my position as Justice Pariente's Staff Attorney following my 2016 law school graduation; his only response: "That woman is a force of nature." At the time, the comment seemed off the cuff. Now, after completing my clerkship in her chambers and coming to cherish Justice Pariente as a mentor, I can confirm that Dean Weidner knew exactly what he was saying.

Justice Barbara J. Pariente was born and raised in New York. Although she went to college to be an investigative journalist, a film project inspired her to apply to law school. She went to law school with the intent of being a legal services attorney. After graduating from The George Washington University Law School, Justice Pariente moved to Florida.

She would become a staple of the South Florida legal community and a champion for Florida's children. After her clerkship with U.S. District Court Judge Norman C. Roettger, Jr., of the Southern District of Florida, Justice Pariente settled in West Palm Beach and began private practice. She spent almost 20 years in private practice, specializing in civil trial litigation.

In 1993, Justice Pariente was appointed to Florida's Fourth District Court of Appeal. Her former partner, Louis M. Silber, once jokingly reminded me of the irony of her appointment to the Fourth DCA since she never practiced appellate law. She served on the Fourth District until December 1997, when the late Governor Lawton Chiles appointed her as the second woman to serve on the Supreme Court of Florida. Justice Pariente served on the Supreme Court until her constitutionally required retirement in January 2019 and as the Court's Chief Justice from 2004-2006.



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As a Justice, she was known for her notoriously difficult questions at oral argument, her strong work ethic, and her long, thoughtful opinions. As her husband, former Fourth District Court of Appeal Judge Fred Hazouri, likes to note, she was never afraid to take on the complicated projects—such as *Bush v. Gore* in 2000 and the Redistricting cases. One of the amazing things about working for Justice Pariente was that you always knew she was working just as hard, if not harder, as you were. When we were at the Court late at night, she was right there with us, working to ensure we got it right and each word in each opinion was the right one.

*We need trained professionals
who understand what these
children are going through
and help to heal the trauma.*

— Justice Barbara J. Pariente



The Legal Aid Society of Palm Beach County presents Justice Pariente with a special gift—a painting from a current client of the Society, a child in foster care.

We have a chance . . . to truly impact these children's lives.

— Justice Barbara J. Pariente

She is also known for her public battle with breast cancer, during which she maintained her judicial duties—never missing an oral argument. In fact, she became a hero for women struggling with breast cancer when, during treatment, she chose to appear on the bench without a wig.

Aside from her judicial duties reviewing and deciding cases in the State's highest Court, Justice Pariente spent countless hours working on causes she held close—including judicial independence and, most notably, the well-being of children and youth subjected to the court system. She led the National Association of Women Judges Informed Voters Project, which aims to improve public education on the constitutional role of the judicial branch and to protect the independence of the courts. She was also instrumental in improving representation for children and creating Florida's unified family court.

So on the heels of her illustrious career improving the lives of Florida's children, celebrating her retirement in coordination with the Legal Aid Society of Palm Beach's ("Legal Aid Society") annual dinner could not have been more apropos. The event commenced with a performance by a local children's choir. Later, guests enjoyed a heartwarming video in which several people close to Justice Pariente—including current Justice Jorge Labarga, Fourth District Court of Appeal Judge Robert Gross, and her husband Fred Hazouri—commented on the effect Justice Pariente has had on their legal careers and their lives. The Legal Aid Society commemorated Justice Pariente's commitment to Florida's children with a special gift—a painting by a foster child who is represented by an attorney with Legal Aid.

These children need us so badly. — Justice Barbara J. Pariente

Finally, Justice Pariente addressed the audience, emphasizing the importance of recognizing the effect trauma has on children. As part of these efforts and in honor of Justice Pariente's legacy, Legal Aid Society will hire a trauma specialist this year. As to what the future holds, Justice Pariente said she is looking forward to spending time with her 11 grandchildren, who "bring such joy into [her] life." After the program, Justice Pariente invited guests to join her on the dance floor. ■



Justice Pariente dances with her husband, former Fourth District Court of Appeal Judge Fred Hazouri.

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A SUPREME EVENING 2019

BY TIM CHINARIS



The Florida Supreme Court Historical Society's 2019 Annual Dinner in Tallahassee on February 7 truly lived up to its billing as the "Supreme Evening" for Florida's legal community. Following a festive reception at the University Club, the formal portion of the evening was kicked off with music from the Boys Choir of Tallahassee, including a stirring rendition of our national anthem.

Clockwise from top: (1) Former U.S. Solicitor General, Ted Olson, delivers the insightful and inspiring keynote address, reminiscing on his time in Tallahassee during the *Bush v. Gore* litigation in 2000. (2) Trustee Edith Osman and Florida Bar President Michelle Suskauer pose with Justice Lagoa. (3) Justice Polston stands with former Dean of FSU College of Law, Donald Weidner, and his former Staff Attorney, Diane DeWolf, with her husband, Walter.

A record-breaking gathering of more than 500 guests then settled down to enjoy a memorable event. Society President Ed Guedes, a partner with Weiss Serota Helfman Cole & Bierman, welcomed everyone to the gala dinner. Society Board member and past Florida Bar president, Hank Coxe, again performed admirably, and humorously, as master of ceremonies. Dinner attendees were honored to have Governor Ron DeSantis offer remarks and introduce the three new Supreme Court of Florida Justices whom he appointed, Barbara Lagoa, Robert Luck, and Carlos Muñiz. It was the first time in more than a decade that a sitting governor attended the Society's annual dinner and addressed the audience.

All of the Supreme Court justices attended the dinner, along with many trial and appellate judges from all regions of the Sunshine State. Chief Justice Canady presented his State of the Florida Supreme Court address. The Chief Justice commented on a number of points, including the judiciary's close working relationship with the legislative and executive branches of Florida's government.

The evening's keynote speaker, former U.S. Solicitor General Theodore B. "Ted" Olson, was introduced by well-known and highly regarded trial and appellate attorney Barry Richard. Mr. Richard has a long acquaintance with Mr. Olson and co-counseled with him on one of the most important cases litigated in Florida courts in recent years: *Bush v. Gore* in 2000.



James Bax, Chief Justice Charles Canady and his wife Jennifer Canady, former Justice Charles Wells and his wife Linda Wells, Judge John Newton, and Richard Watson



Roman Martinez, U.S. District Court Judge Patricia Seitz, Alan Greer, Mary Barzee Flores, and Bob Martinez



Historical Society President Ed Guedes with keynote speaker, Ted Olson

Mr. Olson, now a partner at Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher, entertained the dinner guests with insightful remarks based on his impressive and wide-ranging experience. Mr. Olson is one of the nation's most experienced and respected litigators, having argued sixty-three cases in the U.S. Supreme Court—prevailing on more than 75% of those cases. Mr. Olson's clients range across the political and social spectrum, from President George W. Bush in the 2000 election case, to the petitioners challenging California's Proposition 8, to New England Patriots quarterback Tom Brady in the NFL's "deflategate" dispute.

The annual Supreme Evening is the premier fundraising and friend-raising event for the Florida Supreme Court Historical Society. The Society brings together interested persons from the legal profession and the broader community to preserve Court history and make it publicly accessible for the benefit of the citizens of Florida. ■



Governor DeSantis addresses guests at A Supreme Evening 2019.

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GOVERNOR DESANTIS MAKES HIS FIRST APPOINTMENT TO THE FLORIDA SUPREME COURT: JUSTICE BARBARA LAGOA

BY D. BAILEY HOWARD



Earlier this year, Governor Ron DeSantis appointed three new Justices to the Supreme Court of Florida to fill the vacancies created by the mandatory retirements of Justices Barbara Pariente, R. Fred Lewis, and Peggy Quince. The first to be appointed was Justice Barbara Lagoa.



Justice Lagoa with family outside the Supreme Court at her Investiture

Justice Lagoa was born in 1967 in Miami, Florida, after her parents fled Cuba to escape Castro's dictatorship. She attributes her passion for public service to her parents, who raised her with a strong appreciation for the United States and for the importance of giving back. She grew up in Hialeah, attended Monsignor Edward Pace High School in Miami Gardens, and earned her Bachelor of Arts degree in English in 1989 from Florida International University.

In 1992, after earning her law degree from the Columbia University School of Law in New York, Justice Lagoa returned to her roots and began her practice as an associate in the Miami firm of Morgan Lewis & Bockius. Justice Lagoa continued in private practice for the next eleven years, primarily as a litigator of complex commercial cases ranging from employment discrimination claims to securities litigation and class actions. During this period, Justice Lagoa was part of the pro bono team that represented the family of Elián González. From 2001 to 2003, she was a member of the Federal Judicial Nominating Commission.



Justice Lagoa's father-in-law, U.S. District Judge Paul Huck, administers the formal oath of office.

In 2003, Justice Lagoa joined the U.S. Attorney's Office in the Southern District of Florida as an Assistant United States Attorney. Beginning in the Civil Division of that office, an assignment in which her practice focused on defending the United States and its agencies in federal tort claims and employment discrimination matters, Justice Lagoa was transferred to the Criminal Division, a position she held for the remainder of her tenure as an Assistant United States Attorney.

In 2006, Governor Jeb Bush appointed Justice Lagoa to Florida's Third District Court of Appeal to fill the vacancy created by the retirement of Judge David Levy. During her tenure on the Third District, Justice Lagoa authored more than 300 majority opinions and handled more than 11,000 cases. She also received the 2010 Outstanding Women of Color Award, the FIU Medallion of Honor, and has served as a member of the Florida Judicial Ethics Advisory Committee since 2011. From 2013 to 2016, Justice Lagoa served on the Florida Supreme Court Committee on Standard Jury Instructions for Contract and Business Cases. She was retained twice by the electorate, and in October 2017 was elected by her colleagues to be Chief Judge of the Third District.

On January 9, 2019, Governor DeSantis appointed Justice Lagoa to the Supreme Court of Florida to fill the vacancy created by the mandatory retirement of Justice R. Fred Lewis. She is the first Hispanic woman to serve on the Court. In a press release announcing Justice Lagoa's appointment, Governor DeSantis heralded her "proven commitment to upholding the rule of law, unparalleled legal career and vast experience on the appellate bench."

Justice Lagoa was formally sworn onto the Supreme Court bench on May 10, 2019, during an investiture attended by family, friends, and colleagues from around the state. Among the speakers was Governor DeSantis, who told the audience that, so secretly had he kept his decision of whom he would appoint, even Justice Lagoa herself only found out the night before the announcement. She had only a few hours to prepare her own remarks. Senior U.S. District Judge Paul Huck—who is also Justice Lagoa's father-in-law—administered the formal oath of office.

The reception following Justice Lagoa's Investiture was co-hosted by the Historical Society, the Cuban-American Bar Association, and the Dade County Bar Association.

In addition to her extraordinarily active professional life, Justice Lagoa has been active in a variety of charitable and community organizations, including the Junior League of Miami, the Board of Directors of the Florida International University Alumni Association, and the Board of Directors for Kristi House, a non-profit organization involved in providing legal, medical, and emotional assistance to child victims of sexual abuse. She has also served on the Board of Directors for the Film Society of Miami, and enjoys reading, hiking, cooking, and crafting with her three daughters. ■

Bailey Howard is a licensed Florida attorney and a graduate of the Florida State University College of Law.

The full video of the Investiture and pictures from Justice Lagoa's Investiture can be found at www.flcourthistory.org/JusticeLagoa

THE LEADERSHIP OF JUSTICE LUCK

BY NATHAN MOLINA

With the second judicial appointment of his term, Governor Ron DeSantis gave the Supreme Court of Florida the leadership of one of South Florida's most well-respected legal minds. From the uplifting public schools of Miami-Dade County to Florida's cherished University of Florida, Robert J. Luck honed his skills in service and effective legal practice. His zealous service to Florida's courts was well-regarded, and Justice Luck's expert legal writing and reverence for the Constitution now serves Florida's highest court.

580 to 300 in two years. Justice Luck's effect on docket sizes on Florida's 11th Judicial Circuit Court and Florida's Third District Court of Appeal made clear he is no stranger to hard work. On the day of his swearing in, he recognized the work ethic common to his family:

"Two generations after my grandfather sliced bread at a deli, one generation after my father-in-law slept on the basement floor of his boss's t-shirt shop so he could save as much money as possible, I am here having been sworn in as a justice of the highest court in the state."

After graduating from North Miami Beach Senior High, Luck enrolled at George Washington University. He transferred after a year to Broward College, then to the University of Florida (UF). Justice Luck excelled at UF, and although he applied to law schools before graduating, he decided to, instead, join the work force and took his talents to Capitol Hill.

After college, Luck put his new economics degree to work as a legislative correspondent for Senators Coverdell and Kyl. The impressive role of lawyers in this setting led Luck to renew his law school aspirations. After a year on Capitol Hill, he returned to UF for a juris doctorate. Luck graduated with a laudable record: magna cum laude, four book awards, Editor-In-Chief of



the University of Florida Law Review, and a member of Florida Blue Key and Order of the Coif, the prestigious legal society. Luck's success in law school demonstrated his enthusiasm for his legal career. Perhaps one position he held in law school foreshadowed his future on the bench: a Justice of UF's student government supreme court.

If there was any experience indicative of his affinity for the courts, it may have been his clerkship at the U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit. It was during these empowering years that Luck took a liking to appellate work and met an indispensable mentor, Judge Edward Carnes. Judge Carnes swore in Luck as a judge on two benches prior to the Supreme Court of Florida.

When he left the Eleventh Circuit and simultaneous adjunct role at Alabama State University, Luck returned to South Florida, this time as a prosecutor. As Assistant U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of Florida, he spent five years prosecuting major crimes and economic crimes, as well as covering appeals. By the conclusion of his work for the federal government, Luck had litigated nineteen trials in federal district court and three appeals before the Eleventh Circuit.



In 2013, Luck began his role as a judge. Encouraged by Judge Carnes and his colleagues to apply, Luck earned his spot on Florida's 11th Judicial Circuit Court on his first attempt. Within two and a half years, he had presided over 70 jury trials and shrunk his caseload from 500 cases to 300. His colleagues praised the energy he brought to the job. "He's got an incredible energy about him, and he's always willing to go even farther," said Miami-Dade Chief Judge Bertila Soto.

"He was born to be a judge, there's just no doubt about it."

— Florida Governor Ron DeSantis

Luck adopted a formal demeanor on the bench, inspired by Judge Carnes and his own desire to ensure practitioners of his ability to preside over their case. He took this position of service and its accompanying pressures seriously. In 2014, Luck made headlines for his professionalism in response to being physically attacked by a defendant. With a scratch on his neck and laceration on the back of his head, Luck arose from the scuffle, reported what happened for the record, and recused himself from the case. Then-Chief Justice Jorge Labarga wrote to Luck in response, "I want to commend you for the professionalism you displayed in what must've been a very disturbing situation. Your coolness and understanding was exemplary." Two years later, Luck faced a retention election. Inexperienced with campaigns, he once again took the task in stride and was ultimately retained with 73.7% of the vote in Miami-Dade County.

By 2017, Luck had proved to be an exemplary professional, energetic, hard-working, and a superb writer. Again, his colleagues encouraged him to apply to fill a vacancy, this time on Florida's Third District Court of Appeal. Although he felt applying at age 37 might be early, he felt qualifications were more about "maturity, not age." In short order, Luck was engaged with the judicial nominating committee in an interview on substantive legal issues, then thanking Governor Rick Scott for the opportunity to serve on the Third DCA as the 37th judge in its history. Luck received more praise for his work. Third DCA Judge Thomas Logue said, "Robert Luck has a lot of brains and a lot of heart, and he puts all his brains and all his heart into every case he hears."

"You have to pick Luck."

— Governor DeSantis reporting
the multiple encouragements he received while
deciding who to place on the court.

Meanwhile, Luck let his legal writing skills shine. Writing on a case regarding sovereign immunity held by Indian tribes, Luck wrote, "The immunity juice, our federal lawmakers have decided, is worth the squeeze." Luck has been refining his legal writing talent since before 2011, when he published an article in the Connecticut Lawyer titled, "The Bad Habits of Legal Writers, and Why Young Lawyers Should Avoid Them." Luck espoused the rejection of outdated writing traditions, analogizing writing to a young boy questioning why his mother cut off the end of a brisket. After the boy's mother and grandmother responded, "That's how my mother made it," the boy learned his great-grandmother cut the meat because her pot was never big enough. Luck made the point that habits may no longer make sense with time. He encouraged writers to stop cutting the end off "the proverbial brisket" and instead consider how to best persuade the reader. As a judge on the Third DCA, Luck encouraged attorneys to write less formally when possible. He explained that doing so makes court documents easier to read and keeps practitioners from hiding misunderstandings behind legalese. Luck was flourishing on the Third DCA, making progress on a 2100-case docket and managing multiple high-profile cases.

However, when three Justices on the Supreme Court of Florida reached mandatory retirement age, Luck decided to join the over 50 people who applied to fill their vacancies. On January 14, 2019, Governor Ron DeSantis appointed Robert Luck to the Florida Supreme Court. He became the youngest Justice on the Court and the first Jewish appointee to the Court since Barbara Pariente in 1997.

A prominent feature of Luck's candidacy was a trait he referenced in his application: recognition of the Constitution as supreme. Justice Luck views this philosophy as incident to his role as a public official, for Florida's "state constitution requires all public officers, including supreme court justices, swear an oath to 'support, protect, and defend the Constitution and Government of the United States and of the State of Florida.'"

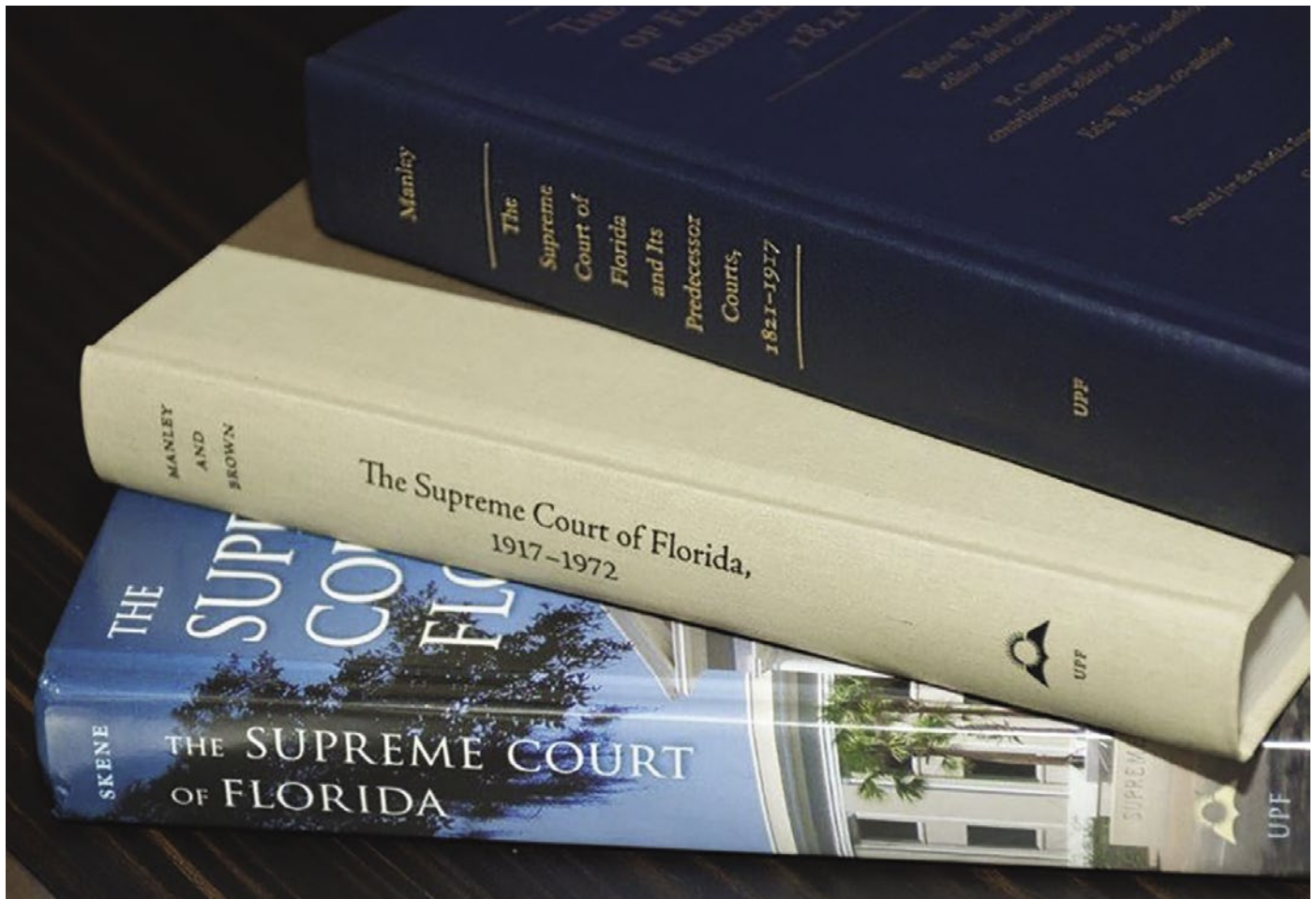
Regarding the influence of his writing, Luck took a practical perspective, suggesting he is "not sure [his] writing will influence anyone." To Luck, his uncomplicated approach of explaining complex cases "in a way that anyone—scholar or layperson—can understand and use," is only one of "many ways to make the same point."

As a Miami-Dade County resident, public school alumnus, two-time Gator, husband, and father, Justice Luck represents Florida's culture admirably. He attaches high importance to his family, faith, and service on the Court. Justice Luck may serve as a community leader and Florida Supreme Court Justice until reaching mandatory retirement age in 2054. Displaying his respect and readiness for his new role, Luck shared the following:

"He will be a vigilant guardian of freedom and separation of powers."

— Florida Attorney General Ashley Moody

As a judge and justice, it is important to get every case right; to treat everyone who comes to the court—litigants, lawyers, staff members, and colleagues—with the same dignity and respect with which I would want to be treated; and to further the fair and efficient administration of justice. ■



THE ADDITION OF JUSTICE CARLOS G. MUÑIZ

BY D. BAILEY HOWARD

Governor DeSantis's third appointment to the Supreme Court bench was Justice Carlos G. Muñiz. Born in Chicago, Illinois in 1969, Justice Muñiz attended the University of Virginia and received his Bachelor of Arts in 1991, graduating with High Honors. After serving as a Civil Rights Analyst for the U.S. Department of Justice from 1991 to 1994, he attended Yale Law School, where he was an Editor of the Yale Law Journal. After graduating from Yale, Justice Muñiz served as a judicial clerk for U.S. District Judge Thomas A. Flannery, and later for U.S. Circuit Judge Jose A. Cabranes.



Justice Muñiz delivers a speech after Governor DeSantis announced his nomination to the Supreme Court.



Justice Muñiz is one of several Justices in the Court's recent history—including former Justices R. Fred Lewis and Raoul G. Cantero III—to be appointed directly to the Supreme Court bench without first serving as a judge on another court. That said, serving in a position of public trust is no novelty to Justice Muñiz: Following a period in private practice in Washington, D.C., Justice Muñiz served in a variety of positions in public service, including Deputy General Counsel to Governor Jeb Bush, General Counsel to the Florida Department of Financial Services, and Deputy Chief of Staff and Counsel to the Office of the Speaker of the Florida House of Representatives.

In 2003, Justice Muñiz joined the firm of GrayRobinson, later returning to that firm as a shareholder in 2010. Thereafter, he served as Deputy Attorney General and as the Chief of Staff to Florida Attorney General Pam Bondi from 2011 until 2014, when he became a partner and Senior Vice President in the firm of McGuireWoods. Justice Muñiz's practice dealt with all aspects of civil litigation in state and federal courts, including commercial disputes, constitutional and civil rights, and government and administrative law. The catalogue of cases upon which Justice Muñiz worked includes the Supreme Court of Florida's 2008 decision in *Florida House of Representatives v. Crist*, and the U.S. Supreme Court's 2012 decision in *National Federation of Independent Businesses v. Sebelius*.

In February 2018, President Donald Trump appointed Justice Muñiz to serve as the General Counsel of the U.S. Department of Education, and the United States Senate confirmed him in that position in April of the same year. On January 22, 2019, Governor DeSantis appointed Justice Muñiz to the Supreme Court of Florida to fill the vacancy created by the mandatory retirement of Justice Peggy Quince. Justice Muñiz will be formally sworn onto the Supreme Court bench in a joint investiture ceremony with Justice Luck later this year. ■

FLORIDA SUPREME COURT MARSHAL'S OFFICE RECEIVES PRESTIGIOUS ACCREDITATION



In June 2017, the Florida Supreme Court Marshal's Office won a rare honor. The Marshal's Office is now Florida's first and only accredited law enforcement agency housed completely within a court.

The Supreme Court of Florida Office of the Marshal was created in 1927 when the Florida Legislature granted the Florida Supreme Court the authority to appoint a Marshal to be custodian of the Supreme Court building and keep the Court "free of trespassers and marauders." Almost 50 years later, in 1972, article V of the Florida Constitution was amended to authorize the Supreme Court of Florida to appoint a marshal with the power to execute the process of the Supreme Court throughout the state. In 1980, the Florida Legislature granted the Marshal's Office limited law enforcement authority while on the Supreme Court grounds.

In 2011, the Supreme Court granted its Marshal authority to create a fully functional law enforcement agency. At that time, the Marshal's Office transitioned from suit and tie to a law enforcement uniform. On May 30, 2013, the Governor of Florida signed HB571 into law, designating the Florida Supreme Court Marshal and his deputies as law enforcement officers of the State of Florida with the power to bear arms and make arrest.

Today, the Marshal's Office is housed in the Supreme Court building and employs both sworn and non-sworn officers, including 13 full-time law enforcement officers, 7 part-time law enforcement officers, and 3 non-sworn armed security officers. Marshals monitor the Supreme Court building around the clock. They also ensure the safety of the Justices during official events, including oral argument and public appearances. The current Florida Supreme Court Marshal, Silvester Dawson, has been the Supreme Court's Marshal since 2011.

In June 2017, the Commission for Florida Law Enforcement Accreditation awarded the Marshal's Office its prestigious accredited designation. The Commission's report said that the Marshal's Office "is the first law enforcement agency within a judicial function in Florida to seek accreditation. Additionally, they are the only agency located within a judiciary anywhere in the nation to seek any type of accredited status."

"Being accredited," said Marshal Dawson, "means this agency employs professional standards that are considered best practices in the law enforcement profession. This recognition not only reflects positively upon the Supreme Court of Florida, but it also communicates to citizens our commitment to excellence and to providing the same level of professionalism expected of any law enforcement agency anywhere in Florida."

Prior to this award, Commission assessors examined all aspects of the Marshal's policies and procedures, management, operations and support services on May 9, 2017. The Marshal's Office met or exceeded about 130 standards to receive accredited status—with many of these standards critical to life, health and safety issues.

Once the Commission's assessors completed their review, they reported back to the full Commission. It then reviewed all findings and awarded the agency accredited status, with the first accreditation period lasting the next three years.

The Marshal's Office voluntarily sought verification by the Commission that it meets Commission's standards and, therefore, earned accreditation—a highly prized recognition of law enforcement professional excellence, Dawson said. "The accreditation program manager for the Office of the Marshal is Vicki Cutcliffe," said Dawson. "She and all employees have done an outstanding job." ■



REMEMBERING ONE OF FLORIDA'S GREATEST: TALBOT "SANDY" D'ALEMBERTE

BY KATHYRN MESA

It's easy to remember a man who would be incredibly hard to forget. Talbot "Sandy" D'Alemberte will forever be a household name for a reputation that precedes him. He held many titles, including: lieutenant, president, representative, dean, professor, mentor, and, of course, husband and father. The impact he left upon all who knew him is evident and is a testament to his legacy and just who he was as a person.



A native of Tallahassee, Sandy D'Alemberte was quite literally born into the Florida legal arena. His great uncle, James B. Whitfield, was one of the longest serving Justices on the Supreme Court of Florida. After receiving his Juris Doctor from the University of Florida in 1962, he would go on to serve in the Florida House of Representatives on behalf of Dade County from 1966 until 1972. In further service to this State, he would also chair the Florida Constitution Revision Commission and serve as President of the Florida Supreme Court Historical Society.

Sandy D'Alemberte's contributions to the legal profession go beyond Florida. From 1991 to 1992, he served as President of the American Bar Association, a position that allowed him to make national and international strides in the legal profession. During his tenure, he co-founded the Central and East European Law Initiative (CEELI), also known as the Legal Peace Corps. This program allows American attorneys and judges to help strengthen judicial integrity and legal prowess in Central and East European countries for the sake of preserving and advancing the rule of law.

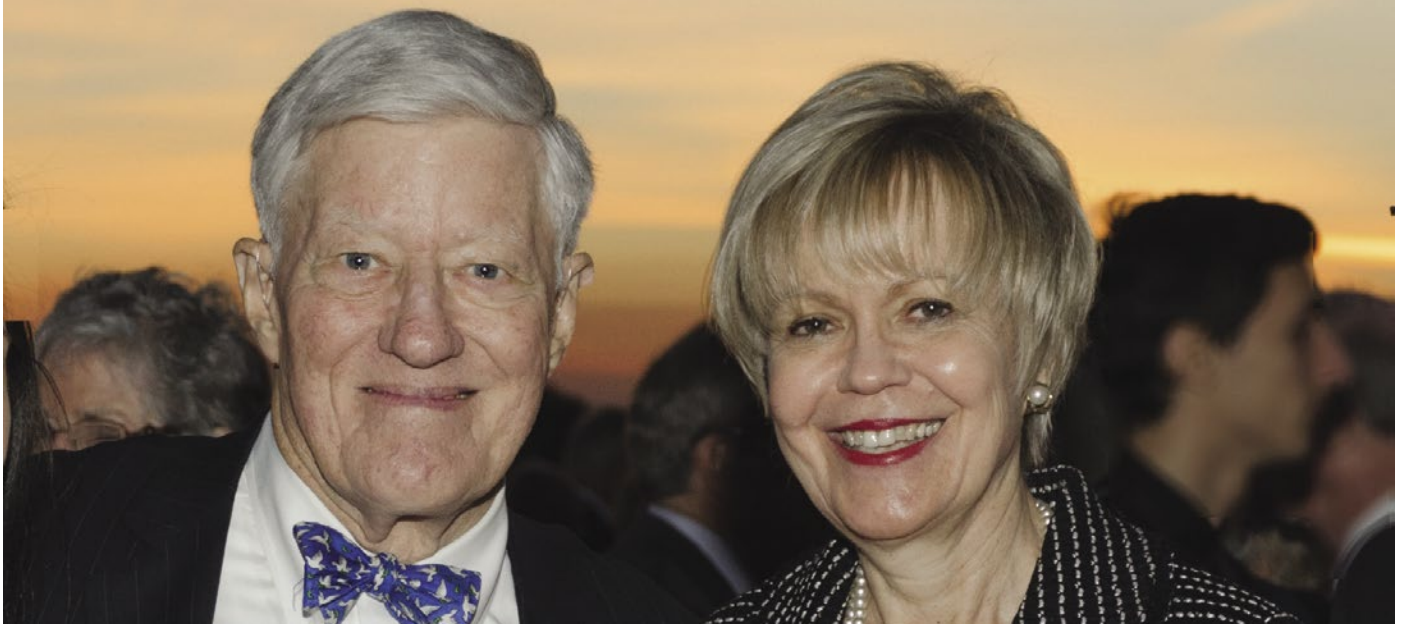
His exceptional dedication to the College of Law and Florida State University as a whole is apparent in the loss that has been felt among students, alumni, faculty, and peers. After serving as Dean of the College of Law from 1984 to 1989 and President of the University from 1994 to 2003, Sandy D'Alemberte would continue to serve Florida State as a professor at the College of Law. At 85 years old, he showed no intention of slowing down by continuing to teach International Human Rights and Florida Constitutional Law, two subjects he lived and could teach better than most.

He was a “truly, truly magnificent person,” who had a “profound impact on . . . the world” and “unabiding sense of justice.” “His most significant impact was . . . the one he had on each of us.”

— John Thrasher, President of Florida State University

The most beautiful area of the College of Law is undoubtedly the rotunda, which fittingly bears the D'Alemberte name. In November 2018, another permanent reminder of his presence was placed at the College of Law in the form of a statue. President Emeritus, Dean Emeritus, and Professor D'Alemberte sits on a bench in his signature bowtie with glasses and a book in hand. He offers a friendly smile to those entering the law school as if to say, “You are welcome here. The law is meant to serve everybody.”

Sandy D'Alemberte's mentality of inclusion is perhaps most evident in his advocacy for human rights, including civil rights. A champion of justice, he spearheaded the “D'Alemberte Petition” in 1990 to urge the Supreme Court of Florida to clarify that all members of The Florida Bar have a duty to provide legal services



to indigents when ordered by a court. In 2000, he helped found FSU's Center for the Advancement of Human Rights. The Center continues to allow lawyers, staff, and students to help victims of human trafficking and crimes against humanity as well as those seeking asylum. Just this past year, he fervently supported restoring voting rights to felons in Florida through Amendment 4.

Sandy D'Alemberte is a name that will not soon be forgotten, as if it ever could be. It has been etched on the State of Florida, in textbooks, on countless awards, and in the hearts and minds of all who knew him. Despite a resume that could inspire novels and a personality that could captivate millions, he was a humble man who cared about his impact on others and on the world. A great man, lawyer, and humanitarian has left this earth. This leaves a sense of heartbreak but also a happy reminder to appreciate his legacy and a duty to carry it forward. ■



“He was a man of such boundless joy, optimism, and good will that the glow that surrounded him during the day rarely went away.” “He spent almost every waking moment of the day dreaming. . . . He dreamed of a world under the rule of law, . . . of a just society.” — Patsy Palmer, Wife of Sandy D'Alemberte

Clockwise from top: (1) D'Alemberte and his beloved wife, Patsy. (2) D'Alemberte with ABA President, Hillarie Bass, and Historical Society President Ed Guedes at A Supreme Evening 2018. (3) D'Alemberte receives the Historical Society's Lifetime Achievement Award in 2015.

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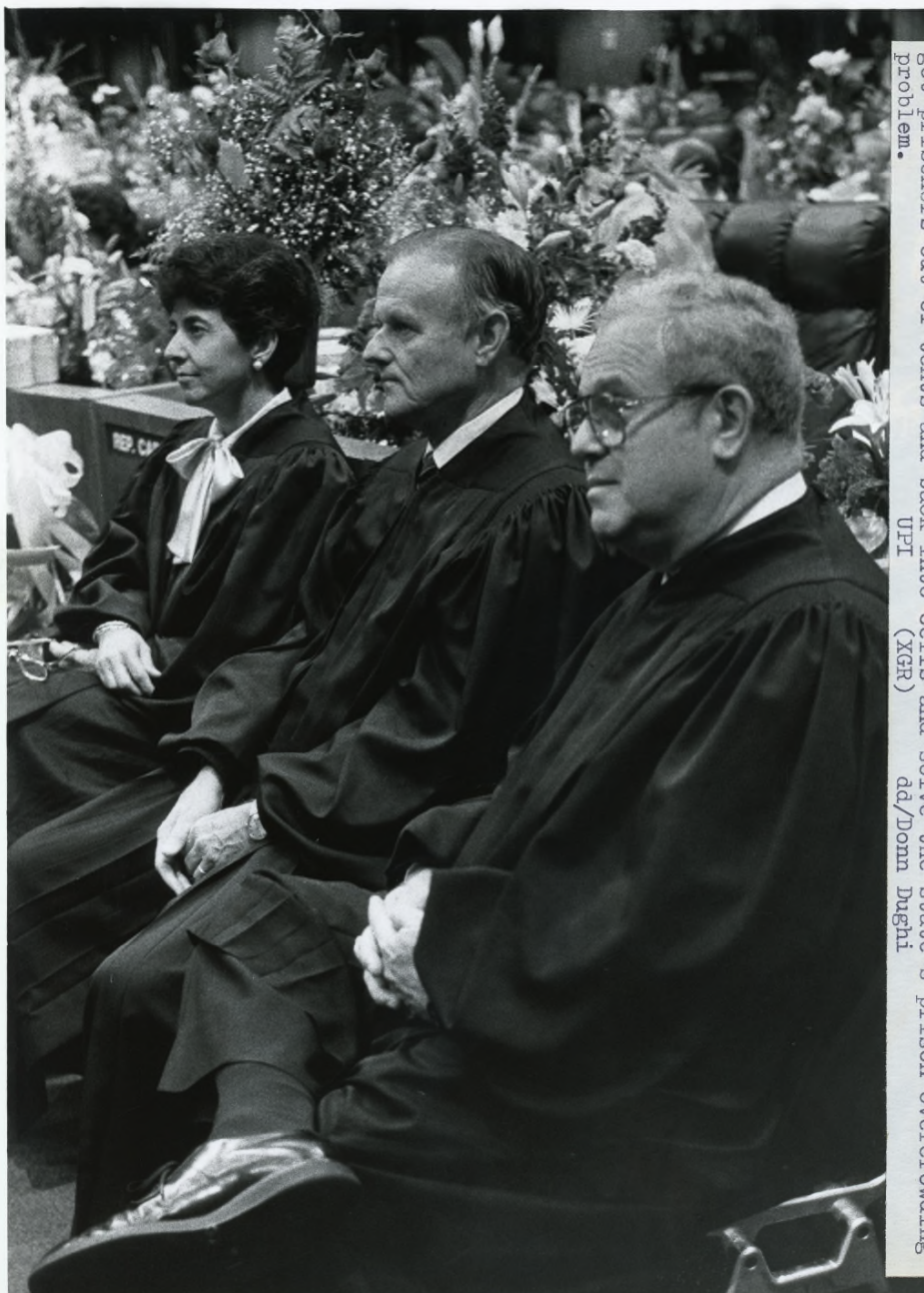
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A MOMENT IN TIME



TAP040706-4/7/87-TALLAHASSEE, FLA.: Florida's three newest Supreme Court Justices, (l to r) Rosemary Barkett, Stephen Grimes and Gerald Kogan, sit on the front row of the Florida House of Representatives as the legislature meets joint session for the opening of the 1987 legislature. The justices heard Gov. Bob Martinez tell lawmakers he wants to get prisoners out of tents and back into cells and solve the state's prison overcrowding problem.

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