

Supreme Court of Florida

No. AOSC17-14

IN RE: SELECTION OF A CHIEF JUDGE
FOR THE FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

WHEREAS, The Honorable Don F. Briggs, Chief Judge of the Fifth Judicial Circuit, has notified me in writing that the judges of the Fifth Judicial Circuit have been unable to elect a chief judge by majority vote as required in Rule of Judicial Administration 2.215(c); and

WHEREAS, the said Rule requires the Chief Justice of Florida to name the Chief Judge of any Circuit unable to do so by majority vote; and

WHEREAS, the vote of the judges of the Fifth Judicial Circuit were evenly divided between The Honorable Daniel B. Merritt, Jr., and The Honorable S. Sue Robbins; and

WHEREAS, both of the said judges are well qualified and equally capable of administering the Fifth Judicial Circuit; and

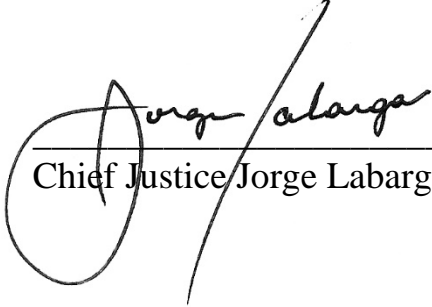
WHEREAS, it has been the custom of this Court to accord preference to seniority when required to select a chief judge; and

WHEREAS, The Honorable S. Sue Robbins is the most senior of the two judges who received votes in the balloting;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Jorge Labarga, Chief Justice of Florida, do hereby order that The Honorable S. Sue Robbins shall be Chief Judge of the Fifth Judicial

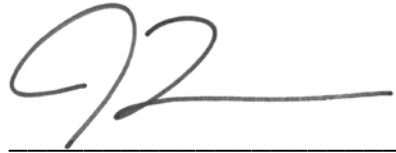
Circuit in accordance with the requirements of Rule of Judicial Administration 2.215, the said appointment to be effective July 1, 2017.

DONE AND ORDERED, at Tallahassee, Florida, on February 13, 2017.



Chief Justice Jorge Labarga

ATTEST:



John A. Tomasino, Clerk of Court

