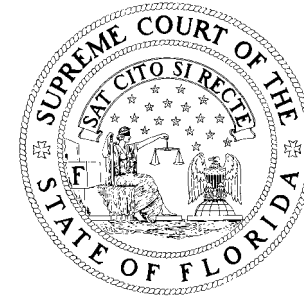


## THE CHIEF JUSTICES OF FLORIDA

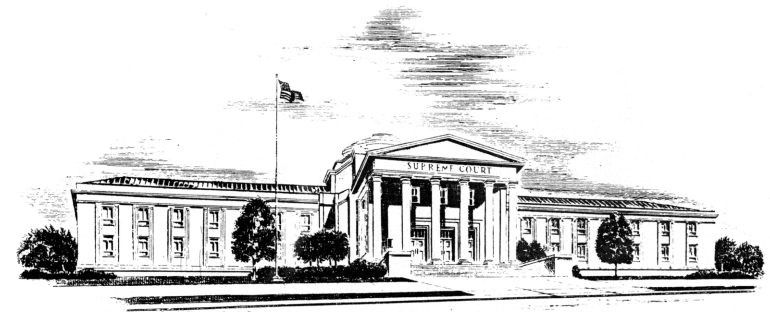
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2. Walker Anderson 1851-1853
3. Benjamin D. Wright 1853
4. Thomas Baltzell 1854-1859
5. Charles H. DuPont 1860-1868
6. Edwin M. Randall 1869-1885
7. George G. McWhorter 1885-1887
8. Augustus E. Maxwell 1887-1889
9. George P. Raney 1889-1894
10. Benjamin S. Liddon 1894
11. Milton H. Mabry 1895-1896
12. R. Fenwick Taylor 1897-1905  
1915-1917  
1923-1925
13. James B. Whitfield 1905  
1909-1913  
1935-1937
14. Thomas M. Shackelford  
1905-1909  
1913-1915
15. Jefferson B. Browne 1917-1923
16. Thomas F. West 1925
17. Armstead Brown 1925-1927  
1941-1943
18. William H. Ellis 1927-1929  
1937-1938
19. Glenn Terrell 1929-1931  
1938-1941  
1957-1959
20. Louie W. Strum 1931
21. Rivers H. Buford 1931-1933  
1943-1945
22. Fred H. Davis 1933-1935
23. Roy H. Chapman 1945-1947
24. Elwyn Thomas 1947-1949  
1959-1961
25. Alto Adams 1949-1951
26. Harold L. Sebring 1951-1953
27. T. Frank Hobson 1953
28. B. K. Roberts 1953-1955  
1961-1963  
1971-1973
29. John E. Mathews 1955
30. E. Harris Drew 1955-1957  
1963-1965
31. Campbell Thornal 1965-1967
32. Stephen C. O'Connell 1967
33. Millard F. Caldwell 1967-1969
34. Richard W. Ervin 1969-1971
35. Vassar B. Carlton 1973-1974
36. James C. Adkins, Jr. 1974-1976
37. Ben F. Overton 1976-1978
38. Arthur J. England, Jr.  
1978-1980
39. Alan C. Sundberg 1980-1982
40. James E. Alderman 1982-1984
41. Joseph A. Boyd, Jr. 1984-1986
42. Parker Lee McDonald  
1986-1988
43. Raymond Ehrlich 1988-1990
44. Leander J. Shaw, Jr.  
1990-1992
45. Rosemary Barkett 1992-1994
46. Stephen H. Grimes 1994-1996
47. Gerald Kogan 1996-1998
48. Major B. Harding 1998-2000
49. CHARLES T. WELLS 2000-2002
50. HARRY LEE ANSTEAD  
2002-2004
51. BARBARA J. PARIENTE  
2004-2006
52. R. FRED LEWIS 2006-

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*SITTING JUSTICES IN UPPER CASE*



**The Passing of the Gavel  
To The Honorable  
R. Fred Lewis  
as the  
Fifty-Second Chief Justice  
of Florida**



**June the Thirtieth, Two Thousand Six  
Three-Thirty O'Clock P.M.**

**Supreme Court Building  
City of Tallahassee**

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**CEREMONY OF THE GAVEL**  
**"Come share with us your vision of Justice"**



The use of a gavel in courtroom proceedings is an ancient custom dating to the time in English history when hammers or mallets were weapons of war. In this sense, the gavel symbolizes the authority of the Court over all who come within its walls and, by extension, within its jurisdiction. Its primary use in today's courtrooms is to call meetings to order, maintain order, and signify that a decision pronounced by the judge is final.

The Chief Justice of Florida has the privilege of the Court's gavel during court proceedings, though its use in the Supreme Court is limited. As an appellate body, the Supreme Court seldom faces the bustle and noise of a trial court where the rapping of the gavel is helpful to bring quiet. There also is little need to gavel the opening of the Session, because the traditional "Hear ye!" of the Marshal notifies everyone that the Court is in session. As a result, the Court's gavel now is used for ceremonial functions such as the installation of a Chief Justice.

The passing of the ceremonial gavel represents the peaceful and seamless transition of the Chief Justice of Florida.

On one side of the ceremonial gavel is carved the Great Seal of the State of Florida, which depicts a Seminole Indian maiden casting flowers along a river as a paddle wheel ship floats past. On the other side is the Great Seal of the Supreme Court of Florida, depicting a blindfolded Goddess of Justice holding scales in her hands. The gavel is crafted of Florida cherry wood taken from an old tree growing near the banks of the Suwannee River.

As all Floridians come together on this occasion, they come to join and to share with all the visions of justice that must be connected for justice to be a reality for all.

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**The Passing of the Gavel to**  
**R. Fred Lewis**

*June the Thirtieth, Two Thousand Six*

**Convening of the Court in Ceremonial Session**  
Chief Justice Barbara J. Pariente, Presiding

**Invocation & Opening**  
The Reverend Dr. Tom Price

**Remarks**  
Chief Justice Barbara J. Pariente

**Comments**  
Hank Coxe, President of The Florida Bar  
H.T. Smith, Past President of the National Bar Association &  
Trustee of the University of Miami  
Bob Butterworth, Dean of St. Thomas University School of Law &  
Former Florida Attorney General  
Joe Farina, Chief Judge of the Eleventh Judicial Circuit

**Administration of the Oath & Passing of the Gavel**  
Leander J. Shaw, Jr., Former Justice of the Supreme Court of Florida

**Reconvening of the Court**  
Chief Justice R. Fred Lewis, Presiding

**Concluding Remarks**  
Dan Stengle, General Counsel to Former Governor Lawton Chiles  
Elle Lewis Anderson  
Annette Pitts, Executive Director of the Florida Law Related Education Association

**Closing Remarks**  
Chief Justice R. Fred Lewis

**Song**  
*America the Beautiful*  
Latressa P. Haws

**Adjournment**

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*RECEPTION FOLLOWING AT TALLAHASSEE CITY HALL*  
*SHUTTLE BUS AVAILABLE*