Florida’s Chief Justice’s Surgery for Kidney Cancer is Successful

GAINESVILLE, Fla. – Florida’s Chief Justice Jorge Labarga is resting comfortably amid a room full of Florida ‘Gator gifts and balloons from well-wishers after successful kidney cancer surgery Monday at Shands Hospital.

Doctors found no signs that the cancer had spread and predict a full and quick recovery for Florida’s 56th Chief Justice and its first of Hispanic descent. Labarga, 62, already has resumed some of his duties as Chief Justice using remote equipment from his hospital room.

Doctors had discovered the cancer in its early stages through routine blood tests earlier this year. They advised him to have the kidney removed at the University of Florida’s medical school teaching hospital, Shands.

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