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Court Thanks Clerk Tom Hall with Proclamation

TALLAHASSEE – Florida Supreme Court Clerk Thomas D. Hall still has a few months to go before his retirement but the Court has already presented him with a token of its appreciation: a proclamation signed, sealed and delivered at the annual convention of The Florida Bar Convention.

Florida Chief Justice Ricky Polston, the eighth chief justice Mr. Hall has served in his 13-year tenure, signed the proclamation last month.

The proclamation noted that Mr. Hall has “rendered exemplary service to the Court during his tenure, which stretched from a few months before the presidential election cases of 2000 to a few months after the launch of the Branch’s e-portal in 2013.”

As Clerk, Mr. Hall’s duties are many. He reports to the justices on the processing of cases and serves on the Portal Authority Board as the representative of the Court. He reviews and responds to correspondence and inquiries from litigants, attorneys, agencies and courts of other states as well as subordinate courts and agencies in Florida. He represents the Court to other branches of state government on issues pertaining to the Court and serves as unofficial liaison to a number of Bar procedural rules committees.

“Mr. Hall’s talents for administration and legal analysis, combined with his energy and a remarkable capacity for calmness, quickly earned him a reputation as a ‘go-to’ person for the Court and the entire Judicial Branch,” the proclamation noted.

The proclamation also noted the leadership of Mr. Hall in the area of advancing technology: “Mr. Hall provided the Court, the Judicial Branch and the State of Florida with invaluable guidance as the foundation was laid to advance from a paper-based justice system to a new epoch of e-filing and internal electronic communication.”

Mr. Hall earned his law degree from the University of Miami School of Law in 1980 and his bachelor’s degree from the University of West Florida in 1976. He joined the Court as Clerk in May 2000 and will retire in October 2013.
“I was honored to be recognized by the court and especially in that forum,” Mr. Hall said. “My time at the Court has been, without doubt, the most satisfying of my career. I am retiring as clerk but plan to remain active in helping the court system in Florida.”

The Court’s proclamation may be found here: www.floridasupremecourt.org/clerk/bio.shtml

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