John A. Tomasino Named Supreme Court Clerk of Court

TALLAHASSEE – Florida Chief Justice Ricky Polston today announced the selection of John A. Tomasino to become the Court’s next Clerk, a critically important position as Florida’s judiciary continues its advancement into the age of electronic records.

The current Clerk, Thomas D. Hall, will retire in October after a remarkable tenure of more than 13 years.

Mr. Tomasino, an attorney with technological expertise, brings strong credentials to his new position, which he will start on Nov. 1.

As administrative director of the Public Defender’s Office in the Second Judicial Circuit, he oversees the daily operations of trial and appellate offices throughout the six-county agency. He manages the technology needs of more than 150 staffers and oversaw the successful migration from a client/server case management system to a custom-developed web-based system integrated with a cloud-hosted document automation system.

The Florida Public Defender Association selected Mr. Tomasino to be its point person during the statewide transition to e-filing. As such, he is a member of the Florida Courts Technology Commission E-Portal User Group.

Mr. Tomasino, 45, earned his bachelor’s degree from the University of South Florida in 1994 and his law degree from Florida State University in 1997. He has worked as an assistant public defender and as an attorney for death row inmates represented by the Capital Collateral Counsel, Northern Region.

The Court unanimously approved the appointment. “My colleagues and I are very pleased to have someone with Mr. Tomasino’s legal and technological strengths to fill such an important role for the Court and our Branch,” Chief Justice Polston said.

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