Chief Justice Appoints Miami’s Alex Soto to Top State Courts’ Advisory Council

TALLAHASSEE – Miami businessman Alex Soto today was named to the Florida state courts’ Judicial Management Council, the chief advisory body created more than a decade ago to allow two-way communication between the third branch of state government and the constituencies it serves.

“Mr. Soto brings to the Council wide-ranging knowledge,” said Chief Justice R. Fred Lewis shortly after he signed the papers appointing Soto. “He has extensive experience as a successful, nationally recognized businessman and as a civic leader.”

Soto is president and CEO of InSource, Inc., a major insurance firm and also served as the 102nd president of the nation’s largest insurance association, the Independent Insurance Agents & Brokers of America.

In 2007, Soto was praised by U.S. Sen. Mel Martinez on the floor of the Senate. “He came to the United States as a political refugee after fleeing communist Cuba in 1960 at the age of 11,” Martinez said. “When he arrived in this country, he did not speak any English and had to completely start over, learning the language, customs, and assimilating.”

Soto’s family has a long history in Cuba. A grandfather and a great-grandfather served as Cuban presidents.

“Mr. Soto brings a wealth of life experiences that will be a valuable addition to the Judicial Management Council,” said Chief Justice Lewis.

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