

SUCCESSION OF JUSTICES OF SUPREME COURT OF FLORIDA

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Under 1838 Constitution, Circuit Judges selected by the Legislature constituted the Supreme Court:

Thomas Douglas	Thomas Baltzell	George S. Hawkins	George W. Macrae
			Joseph B. Lancaster

Under 1838 Constitution as amended and under Chapter 371, Acts of 1850-51, separate Supreme Court Justices were selected by the Legislature:

Walker Anderson	Leslie A. Thompson	Albert G. Semmes
Benjamin D. Wright		

In 1853 (under an amendment to the Constitution adopted in 1850 and 1853) the Justices were elected by the electors of the state for the first time:

Thomas Baltzell	Thomas Douglas	Charles H. DuPont
	Bird M. Pearson	

In 1859 DuPont defeated Baltzell as Chief Justice and Pearson did not run for re-election:

Charles H. DuPont	William A. Forward	David Shelby Walker
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Under 1865 Constitution, the Governor appointed the Justices:

Charles H. DuPont	Augustus E. Maxwell	James M. Baker
	Samuel J. Douglas	

From 1868 the succession to the seats on the Supreme Court has been continuous even though the method of selection of Justices has changed:

Justices under the 1868 Constitution were appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate to serve "for life or during good behavior."

The 1885 Constitution provided for the election in 1888 of the Justices, the Chief Justice to be designated by lot.

In 1972 Article V of the 1968 Constitution was revised to provide for the election of the Chief Justice by the majority of the members of the Court.

The 1968 Constitution was amended in 1976 to provide for one Justice from each appellate district. That amendment additionally provided for the merit selection of Justices with the Governor selecting the Justice from a list of three names forwarded to him by the appropriate Judicial Nominating Commission. The newly appointed Justice must stand for merit retention by the voters in the first general election following his appointment.

In 1996, the Constitution was amended to provide that the Judicial Nominating Commission must submit a list of three to six names for the vacancy, and that the newly appointed Justice shall appear on the next general election ballot that is more than one year after the date of appointment.

Successors to the Current Seats on the Supreme Court

Edwin M. Randall
George G. McWhorter
Augustus E. Maxwell
Milton H. Mabry
William A. Hocker
William H. Ellis
Elwyn Thomas
Joseph A. Boyd, Jr.
Gerald Kogan
R. Fred Lewis

Ossian B. Hart
Franklin Fraser
Robert. B. VanValkenburgh
Henry L. Mitchell
Robert F. Taylor
Louie W. Strum
Fred H. Davis
Roy H. Chapman
E. Harris Drew
Hal P. Dekle
Alan C. Sundberg
Leander J. Shaw, Jr.
Kenneth B. Bell
Ricky Polston

James D. Westcott, Jr.
George P. Raney
Benjamin S. Liddon
Francis B. Carter
Charles B. Parkhill
*(There were only 5 Justices after he
resigned in Jan. 1912 until Glenn
Terrell was added May 15, 1923)*
Glenn Terrell
Richard W. Ervin
Arthur J. England, Jr.
Raymond Ehrlich
Major B. Harding
Raoul G. Cantero
Charles T. Canady

Added Dec. 1, 1902

Thomas M. Shackelford
Thomas F. West
Rivers Buford
T. Frank Hobson
Millard F. Caldwell
James C. Adkins
Stephen H. Grimes
Barbara J. Pariente

Added Dec. 1, 1902

Evelyn C. Maxwell
James B. Whitfield
Harold L. Sebring
Stephen C. O'Connell
Alto Adams
Wade L. Hopping
Vassar B. Carlton
Ben F. Overton
Peggy A. Quince

Added Dec. 1, 1902

Robert S. Cockrell
Jefferson B. Browne
Armstead Brown
Paul D. Barns
B. K. Roberts
Frederick B. Karl
James E. Alderman
Rosemary Barkett
Harry Lee Anstead
Jorge Labarga

Added Nov. 25, 1940

Alto Adams
John E. Mathews
Campbell Thornal
David L. McCain
Joseph W. Hatchett
Parker Lee McDonald
Charles T. Wells
James E.C. Perry

JUSTICES OF THE SUPREME COURT OF FLORIDA

<u>Justice (County)</u>	<u>Date Named to Court</u>	<u>Termination Date</u>
1 Thomas Douglas (St. Johns)	January 1846 Selected by legislature	1851
	1854 Elected	Sept. 11, 1855 Died in office
2 Thomas Baltzell (Leon)	January 1846 Selected by legislature	1851
	1854 Elected	1859 Defeated
		Jan. 14, 1866 Died
3 George S. Hawkins (Franklin)	January 1846 Selected by legislature	1851
		March 15, 1878 Died
4 George W. Macrae (Monroe)	Jan. 4, 1847 Appointed	Jan. 7, 1848
		Date of death unknown
5 Joseph B. Lancaster (Duval)	Jan. 10, 1848 Appointed	1853
		Nov. 25, 1856 Died
6 Walker Anderson (Escambia)	Jan. 1, 1851 Selected by legislature	May 4, 1853 Resigned
		Jan. 18, 1857 Died
7 Leslie A. Thompson (Leon)	Jan. 1, 1851 Selected by legislature	1853 Defeated
		Jan. 23, 1874 Died
8 Albert G. Semmes (Franklin)	Jan. 1, 1851 Selected by legislature	1853
		Nov. 25, 1883 Died
9 Benjamin D. Wright (Escambia)	May 24, 1853 Appointed	1853 Defeated
		April 28, 1874 Died
10 Charles H. DuPont (Gadsden)	1854 Elected	1868
		Oct. 14, 1877 Died
11 Bird M. Pearson (Duval)	1856 Elected	1859 Did not run again
		Oct. 9, 1859 Died
12 William A. Forward (Putnam)	1860 Elected	1865 Did not run again
		Oct. 19, 1865 Died
13 David Shelby Walker (Leon)	1860 Elected	1865 Resigned
		July 20, 1891 Died
14 Augustus E. Maxwell (Escambia)	1865 Appointed	1866 Resigned
	July 1, 1887 Appointed	1890 Did not run again
		May 5, 1903 Died
15 James McNair Baker (Duval)	1865 Appointed	1868
		June 20, 1892 Died
16 Samuel J. Douglas (Leon)	1866 Appointed	1868
		Nov. 14, 1873 Died
17 Edwin M. Randall (Duval)	January 1869 Appointed	Jan. 7, 1885 Resigned
		July 12, 1895 Died
18 Ossian B. Hart (Duval)	1868 Appointed	1873 Elected Governor
		March 18, 1874 Died
19 James D. Westcott, Jr. (Leon)	1868 Appointed	Jan. 7, 1885 Resigned
		April 29, 1887 Died
20 Franklin D. Fraser (Duval)	Jan. 16, 1873 Appointed	May 1874 Resigned
		Nov. 10, 1879 Died
21 Robert Bruce VanValkenburgh (Duval)	May 20, 1874 Appointed (Confirmed Jan. 1875)	Aug. 1, 1888 Died in office
22 George P. Raney (Leon)	Jan. 13, 1885 Appointed	May 31, 1894 Resigned
		Jan. 8, 1911 Died
23 George G. McWhorter (Santa Rosa)	Jan. 13, 1885 Appointed	July 1, 1887 Resigned

			May 21, 1891 Died
24	Henry Laurens Mitchell (Hillsborough)	Aug. 7, 1888 Appointed Later in 1888 Elected	Jan. 1, 1891 Resigned Oct. 14, 1903 Died
25	R. Fenwick Taylor (Alachua)	Jan. 1, 1891 Appointed	Feb. 28, 1925 Resigned Feb. 26, 1927 Died
26	Milton Harvey Mabry (Lake)	Jan. 1891 Elected	1903 Did not run again March 3, 1919 Died
27	Benjamin S. Liddon (Jackson)	June 1, 1894 Appointed	Jan. 1897 Resigned Dec. 21, 1909 Died
28	Francis B. Carter (Jackson)	Jan. 11, 1897 Appointed	May 25, 1905 Resigned Jan. 9, 1937 Died
29	Thomas M. Shackleford (Hillsborough)	Dec. 1, 1902 Appointed	Sept. 1, 1917 Resigned Sept. 21, 1927 Died
30	Robert S. Cockrell (Duval)	Dec. 1, 1902 Appointed	Jan. 2, 1917 Defeated June 23, 1957 Died
31	Evelyn C. Maxwell (Escambia)	Dec. 1, 1902 Appointed	Feb. 15, 1904 Resigned Nov. 17, 1954 Died
32	William A. Hocker (Marion)	Jan. 6, 1903 Appointed	Jan. 5, 1915 Did not run again July 17, 1918 Died
33	James B. Whitfield (Leon)	Feb. 15, 1904 Appointed	Jan. 4, 1943 Retired Aug. 21, 1948 Died
34	Charles B. Parkhill (Hillsborough)	May 25, 1905 Appointed	Jan. 1912 Resigned May 13, 1933 Died
35	William H. Ellis (Gadsden)	Jan. 5, 1915 Elected	Nov. 1, 1938 Retired April 14, 1948 Died
36	Jefferson B. Browne (Monroe)	Jan. 2, 1917 Elected	May 20, 1925 Resigned May 4, 1937 Died
37	Thomas F. West (Santa Rosa)	Sept. 1, 1917 Appointed	Dec. 3, 1925 Resigned Feb 23, 1931 Died
38	W. Glenn Terrell (Sumter)	May 15, 1923 Appointed	Jan. 12, 1964 Died in office
39	Louie W. Strum (Duval)	Mach. 2, 1925 Appointed	Mar. 5, 1931 Resigned, appt'd. to fed. Dist. Ct July 26, 1954 Died
40	Armstead Brown (Dade)	July 1, 1925 Appointed	Dec. 1, 1946 Retired Oct. 29, 1951 Died
41	Rivers Buford (Leon)	Dec. 4, 1925 Appointed	Apr. 3, 1948 Retired March 17, 1959 Died
42	Fred Henry Davis (Leon)	Mar. 9, 1931 Appointed	June 20, 1937 Died in office
43	Roy H. Chapman (Columbia)	June 23, 1937 Appointed	Aug. 9, 1952 Died in office
44	Elwyn Thomas (St. Lucie)	Nov. 1, 1938 Elected & then appointed early	Jan. 7, 1969 Retired Feb. 28, 1971 Died
45	Alto Adams (St. Lucie) (2 terms)	Nov. 25, 1940 Appointed Nov. 13, 1967 Appointed	Oct. 22, 1951 Resigned Aug. 1, 1968 Resigned
46	Harold L. Sebring (Alachua)	Jan. 5, 1943 Elected	Feb. 28, 1988 Died Sept. 15, 1955 Retired, appointed Dean at Stetson (Law)
47	Paul D. Barns (Dade)	Dec. 2, 1946 Elected & then appointed early	July. 26, 1969 Died Sept. 1, 1949 Retired

48	T. Frank Hobson (Pinellas)	April 6, 1948	Appointed	Sept. 22, 1973	Died
49	B. K. Roberts (Leon)	Sept. 1, 1949	Appointed	Feb. 13, 1962	Retired
50	John E. Mathews (Duval)	Oct. 23, 1951	Appointed & qualified Oct. 30	Aug. 3, 1966	Died
51	E. Harris Drew (Palm Beach)	Aug. 18, 1952	Appointed	Nov. 30, 1976	Retired
52	Campbell Thornal (Orange)	May 9, 1955	Appointed	Aug. 4, 1999	Died
53	Stephen C. O'Connell (Broward)	Oct. 21, 1955	Appointed	Apr. 30, 1955	Died in office
54	Millard F. Caldwell (Leon)	Feb. 14, 1962	Appointed	Jan. 5, 1971	Retired
55	Richard W. Ervin (Putnam)	Jan. 17, 1964	Appointed	Feb. 9, 1978	Died
56	Wade L. Hopping (Leon)	Aug. 1, 1968	Appointed	Nov. 4, 1970	Died in office
57	Vassar B. Carlton (Brevard)	Jan. 7, 1969	Elected	Oct. 15, 1967	Resigned
58	James C. Adkins, Jr. (Alachua)	Jan. 7, 1969	Elected	April 13, 2001	Died
59	Joseph A. Boyd, Jr. (Dade)	Jan. 7, 1969	Elected	Jan. 7, 1969	Could not run again
60	David L. McCain (St. Lucie)	Dec. 14, 1970	Appointed	Feb. 24, 1986	Died
61	Hal P. Dekle (Dade)	Jan. 5, 1971	Elected	Jan. 6, 1975	Retired
62	Ben F. Overton (Pinellas)	Mar. 27, 1974	Appointed	Aug. 24, 2004	Died
63	Arthur J. England, Jr. (Dade)	Jan. 8, 1975	Elected	Jan. 7, 1969	Defeated
64	Alan C. Sundberg (Pinellas)	June 2, 1975	Appointed	Aug. 11, 2009	Died
65	Joseph W. Hatchett (Pinellas)	Sept. 2, 1975	Appointed	Feb. 28, 1974	Retired
66	Frederick B. Karl (Leon)	Jan. 4, 1977	Elected	Aug. 31, 2005	Died
67	James E. Alderman (St. Lucie)	Apr. 11, 1978	Appointed	Jan. 6, 1987	Could not run again
				June 24, 1994	Died
				Jan. 6, 1987	Retired, returned to private practice
				Oct. 26, 2007	Died
				Aug. 31, 1975	Resigned under impeachment
				Nov. 11, 1986	Died
				Apr. 30, 1975	Retired under impeachment
				May 23, 2005	Died
				Jan. 4, 1999	Could not run again
				Dec. 29, 2012	Died
				Aug. 9, 1981	Resigned, returned to private practice
				Sept. 15, 1982	Resigned, returned to private practice
				Jan. 26, 2002	Died
				Jul. 18, 1979	Resigned, appointed to U.S. 5th (later 11th) Cir. Ct. of Appeals
				Apr. 5, 1978	Resigned, returned to private practice
				March 7, 2013	Died
				Aug. 31, 1985	Resigned, returned to private

68	Parker Lee McDonald (Orange)	Oct. 26, 1979	Appointed	May 31, 1994	Retired
69	Raymond Ehrlich (Duval)	Dec. 3, 1981	Appointed	Jan. 7, 1991	Retired
70	Leander J. Shaw, Jr. (Duval)	Jan. 10, 1983	Appointed	July 12, 2005	Died
71	Rosemary Barkett (Palm Beach)	Nov. 15, 1985	Appointed	Jan. 6, 2003	Could not run again
72	Stephen H. Grimes (Polk)	Jan. 30, 1987	Appointed	Apr. 21, 1994	Resigned, appt'd to U.S. 11th Cir. Ct. of Appeals
73	Gerald Kogan (Dade)	Jan. 30, 1987	Appointed	Nov. 17, 1997	Mandatory retirement; returned to private practice
74	Major Best Harding (Duval)	Jan. 28, 1991	Appointed	Dec. 31, 1998	Retired, returned to private practice
75	Charles T. Wells (Orange)	June 9, 1994	Appointed	Aug. 31, 2002	Retired, returned to private practice
76	Harry Lee Anstead (Palm Beach)	Aug. 29, 1994	Appointed	March 2, 2009	Mandatory retirement
77	Barbara J. Pariente (Palm Beach)	Dec. 10, 1997	Appointed	Jan. 5, 2009	Mandatory retirement
78	R. Fred Lewis (Dade)	Dec. 7, 1998	Appointed		Mandatory retirement 2019
79	Peggy A. Quince (Hillsborough)	Dec. 8, 1998	Appointed		Mandatory retirement 2019
80	Raoul G. Cantero (Dade)	July 10, 2002	Appointed	Sept. 6, 2008	Resigned; returned to private practice
81	Kenneth B. Bell (Escambia)	Dec. 30, 2002	Appointed	Oct. 1, 2008	Resigned; returned to private practice
82	Charles T. Canady (Polk)	Aug. 28, 2008	Appointed		On Ballot 2016
83	Ricky Polston (Jackson)	October 1, 2008	Appointed		On Ballot 2016
84	Jorge Labarga (Palm Beach)	January 2, 2009	Appointed		On Ballot 2016
85	James E.C. Perry (Seminole)	March 11, 2009	Appointed		Mandatory retirement 2017

* **CURRENT JUSTICES IN BOLD**

Breakdown of Current Justices by Residence at Time of Appointment

First District: Ricky Polston
Second District: Peggy A. Quince, Charles T. Canady
Third District: R. Fred Lewis
Fourth District: Barbara J. Pariente, Jorge Labarga
Fifth District: James E.C. Perry

NOTE: The present Florida Constitution requires that, at any given time, at least one Justice must have been a resident of each of the five District Courts of Appeal at the time of appointment to the Court. Thus, at-large seats are determined solely by the composition of the Court when a vacancy is filled. Under the current Court composition, an at-large seat would be vacant if one Justice from the Second or Fourth District left the Court. This is because each of

these districts currently has two representatives. If a Justice representing the other three districts left the Court, the vacancy could only be filled by a qualified person living within the boundaries of that district.