

## **Stan Griffis resigns as judge; *Governor sets deadline of May 27 for six nominees***

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**GAINESVILLE** – The Eighth Judicial Circuit Court judge who was formerly handling civil circuit court cases in Levy County and Gilchrist County resigned unexpectedly, effective April 30, according to information provided by Eighth Judicial Circuit Court Operations Manager Christy Cain, during a telephone interview on May 23.

Circuit Court Judge Stanley “Stan” Griffis III resigned effective April 30 at 5 p.m., according to an April 22 he sent to Gov. Ron DeSantis.

The letter was only two sentences long. After noting the date and time of the resignation taking effect, Circuit Court Judge Griffis noted “It has been my honor and privilege to serve the people of a latch alone, Baker, Bradford, Gilchrist, Levy and Union counties since 2007.”

Gov. DeSantis accepted the resignation and activated the Eighth Judicial Circuit Judicial Nominating Committee.

The governor told the committee that the deadline to submit six names was May 27, according to records. The governor will take some number of days to interview the nominees, Cain said, and then he’ll make his appointment.

Griffis was elected circuit judge in 2006 and was reelected for another six-year term in November of 2018 after no other candidates sought that bench, according to records.

Griffis’ caseload was assigned to Alachua County Court Judge Susan Miller-Jones, Cain said, until the replacement judge takes the bench.