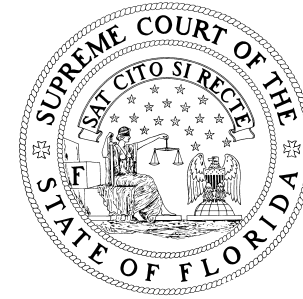


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1854-1860 | 43. Roy H. Chapman* 1937-1952 |
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1967-1968 |
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** Those serving as Chief Justice*



INVESTITURE OF THE HONORABLE
ALAN LAWSON
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ALAN LAWSON

The Honorable Chief Justice Jorge Labarga, Presiding

"There is no such thing as a 'self-made' man. We are made up of thousands of others. Everyone who has ever done a kind deed for us, or spoken one word of encouragement to us, has entered into the make-up of our character and of our thoughts, as well as our success."

George Matthew Adams

And, in my words . . .

Today, I am above all else thankful. First, I give thanks to God – the author and creator of life – for his boundless mercy and grace. Second, I thank my best friend and life companion, Julie Carlton Lawson, who has enriched and does enrich my life, most of all. Next, I thank my incredible parents, Charles and Velma Lawson, for their unconditional love and life-long example of integrity, service, and humility. Similarly, I thank Julie's parents, Ernie and Fran Carlton, who became dear friends and mentors more than thirty years ago. When it comes to family, I have truly been blessed beyond measure, for all have shaped my life for the good: my children, Caleb and Leah; Caleb's wife, Lauren; my sister, Laurie Cox, her husband, Alan, and their son, Lee; my grandparents, H.A. and Ada Lawson and Hymon and Dorothy Turbeville, who departed this life leaving a legacy of decency, hard work, and genuine virtue; my aunts, uncles, and cousins, many of whom are here today, along with Julie's sister, Lynne, her late husband, Michael, and their daughter, Danielle (and husband, Andy, and their son, Everett). And, then there are the new additions to our family, Ashe and Ames, our twin grandsons, born on November 23, 2016. Thank you all for your love and support.

When the Governor called to offer me this appointment on Thursday, December 15, 2016, he commented on the surprising number of friends with whom I seemed to have been blessed. He was right. I thank you all for the treasure of your friendship. I cannot possibly name each of you individually, but I do need to mention a few: the friend I have had for as long as I can remember, Steve (his dad and mine were best men in each other's wedding, and we grew up in Tallahassee together); the friend who traveled the farthest to be here, Elbert; my law school roommate, Eric; and, my best friend from my early years of practice, Mark. There are others, as well, from my law school years at F.S.U. to my career as a lawyer (at Steel Hector & Davis and the Orange County Attorney's Office) and as a judge at the Ninth Circuit and the Fifth District Court of Appeal. I would not be who or where I am if not for your influence. Finally, thank you to Scott and Tara and Mark and Lori for your friendship. Life for Julie and me would not be as rich and rewarding without the time we are able to spend with you.

Pledge of Allegiance	The Honorable Justice R. Fred Lewis
The National Anthem	The Honorable Ross Spano State Representative
Invocation	The Honorable Justice Peggy A. Quince
Comments	The Chief Justice
Presentation of Credentials	The Honorable Rick Scott Governor of the State of Florida
Remarks	The Honorable Jonathan E. Sjostrom Chief Judge, Second Judicial Circuit The Honorable Dan Traver Judge, Ninth Judicial Circuit The Honorable Frederick J. Lauten Chief Judge, Ninth Judicial Circuit The Honorable Jay P. Cohen Chief Judge, Fifth District Court of Appeal The Honorable Justice Charles T. Canady
Presentations	William J. Schifino, Jr. President, The Florida Bar Leora B. Freire President, Florida Association for Women Lawyers
Readings	The Honorable Justice Barbara J. Pariente The Honorable Justice Ricky L. Polston
Oath of Office & Enrobing of the Justice	The Honorable Emerson R. Thompson Senior Judge & the Immediate Family of Justice Lawson
Response	The Honorable Justice Alan Lawson
Benediction	The Reverend Doctor Case Thorp
Adjournment	The Chief Justice

*Reception following in the rotunda, cohosted by
The Florida Supreme Court Historical Society &
The Orange County Bar Association*