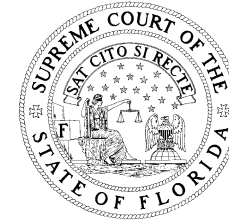


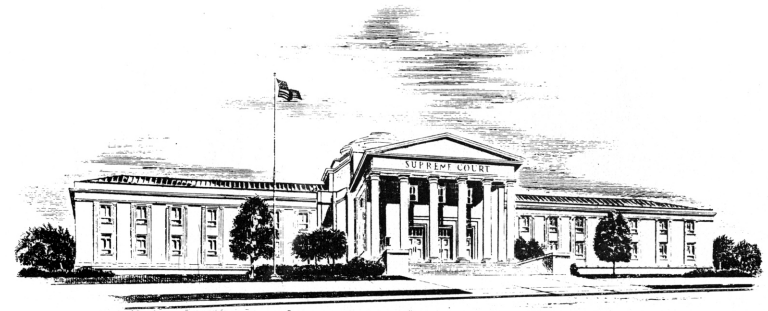
THE CHIEF JUSTICES OF FLORIDA

1. Thomas Douglas 1846-1851
2. Walker Anderson 1851-1853
3. Benjamin D. Wright 1853
4. Thomas Baltzell 1854-1859
5. Charles H. DuPont 1860-1868
6. Edwin M. Randall 1869-1885
7. George G. McWhorter 1885-1887
8. Augustus E. Maxwell 1887-1889
9. George P. Raney 1889-1894
10. Benjamin S. Liddon 1894
11. Milton H. Mabry 1895-1896
12. R. Fenwick Taylor 1897-1905
1915-1917
1923-1925
13. James B. Whitfield 1905
1909-1913
1935-1937
14. Thomas M. Shackelford
1905-1909
1913-1915
15. Jefferson B. Browne 1917-1923
16. Thomas F. West 1925
17. Armstead Brown 1925-1927
1941-1943
18. William H. Ellis 1927-1929
1937-1938
19. Glenn Terrell 1929-1931
1938-1941
1957-1959
20. Louie W. Strum 1931
21. Rivers H. Buford 1931-1933
1943-1945
22. Fred H. Davis 1933-1935
23. Roy H. Chapman 1945-1947
24. Elwyn Thomas 1947-1949
1959-1961
25. Alto Adams 1949-1951
26. Harold L. Sebring 1951-1953
27. T. Frank Hobson 1953
28. B. K. Roberts 1953-1955
1961-1963
1971-1973
29. John E. Mathews 1955
30. E. Harris Drew 1955-1957
1963-1965
31. Campbell Thornal 1965-1967
32. Stephen C. O'Connell 1967
33. Millard F. Caldwell 1967-1969
34. Richard W. Ervin 1969-1971
35. Vassar B. Carlton 1973-1974
36. James C. Adkins, Jr. 1974-1976
37. Ben F. Overton 1976-1978
38. Arthur J. England, Jr. 1978-1980
39. Alan C. Sundberg 1980-1982
40. James E. Alderman 1982-1984
41. Joseph A. Boyd, Jr. 1984-1986
42. Parker Lee McDonald 1986-1988
43. Raymond Ehrlich 1988-1990
44. Leander J. Shaw, Jr.
1990-1992
45. Rosemary Barkett 1992-1994
46. Stephen H. Grimes 1994-1996
47. Gerald Kogan 1996-1998
48. Major B. Harding 1998-2000
49. Charles T. Wells 2000-2002
50. Harry Lee Anstead
2002-2004
51. BARBARA J. PARIENTE
2004-2006
52. R. FRED LEWIS 2006-2008
53. PEGGY QUINCE, 2008-2010
54. CHARLES CANADY, 2010-2012
55. RICKY POLSTON, 2012-2014
56. JORGE LABARGA, 2014-

SITTING JUSTICES IN UPPER CASE



The Passing of the Gavel to The Honorable **Jorge Labarga** as the Fifty-Sixth Chief Justice of Florida



**June the Thirtieth, Two Thousand Fourteen
Two O'Clock P.M.**

**Supreme Court Building
City of Tallahassee**

Justice Jorge Labarga

Jorge Labarga was born in Cuba in 1952 and arrived in the United States at the age of 11. He graduated from Forest Hill High School in West Palm Beach and attended the University of Florida, where he obtained his B.A. and J.D. degrees. He is married to Zulma R. Labarga and they have two daughters.

Justice Labarga began his legal career in 1979 as an Assistant Public Defender in West Palm Beach, and in 1982 joined the Office of the State Attorney there. In 1987, he joined the firm of Cone, Wagner, Nugent, Roth, Romano & Ericksen, and specialized in personal injury trial work. He participated in founding the firm of Roth, Duncan & Labarga in West Palm Beach in 1992.

Governor Lawton Chiles appointed Justice Labarga to the Circuit Court of the Fifteenth Judicial Circuit in 1996. In December 2008, he was appointed by Governor Charlie Crist to the Fourth District Court of Appeal. On January 1, 2009, he was appointed by Governor Crist to the Florida Supreme Court.

History of the Passing of the Gavel

For much of Florida's history, the transfer of power from one Chief Justice to the next was an event shrouded in secrecy. No records exist for the early years of the Court, which first convened in January 1846 under the leadership of Chief Justice Thomas Douglas. One thing is certain: Whatever ceremonies occurred in earlier times were not open to the public.

So it continued until 1996, when Chief Justice Gerald Kogan created the Access Initiative, designed to make the Florida Supreme Court far more open to the public than it had been in the past. In order to emphasize his commitment to openness, Justice Kogan ordered that the ceremony in which he took the oath as Chief Justice be a formal, televised, courtroom event open to the public. Thus, the tradition was begun that continues to the present day with the Passing of the Gavel to Justice Jorge Labarga.

The Ceremonial Gavel used during today's ceremony is only used during the ceremony of transition at which a new Chief Justice is installed. The Great Seals of the State of Florida and of the Supreme Court of Florida are carved into the gavel, a gift from the Florida Supreme Court Historical Society. The gavel is crafted of Florida cherry wood taken from a tree growing near the banks of the Suwannee River.

The Passing of the Gavel to Jorge Labarga

June the Thirtieth, Two Thousand Fourteen

Convening of the Court in Ceremonial Session
Chief Justice Ricky Polston Presiding

Pledge of Allegiance
Townsend and Ella Porcher

Opening Remarks
Chief Justice Ricky Polston

Comments
Ricardo Martínez-Cid, President of the Cuban American Bar Association
Gregory Coleman, President of The Florida Bar
Will Weatherford, Speaker, The Florida House of Representatives
Don Gaetz, President, The Florida Senate
Jeff Atwater, Chief Financial Officer of Florida
Carlos Lopez-Cantero, Lieutenant Governor of Florida

Comments on the Office and Presentation of Justice Jorge Labarga
Justice Barbara J. Pariente

Administration of the Oath and Passing of the Gavel
Justice Ricky Polston

Reconvening of the Court
Chief Justice Jorge Labarga Presiding

Remarks
Raoul G. Cantero

Closing Remarks
Chief Justice Jorge Labarga

America the Beautiful
Lililita Forbes

Adjournment

*Post-ceremony dessert reception hosted by the
Florida Supreme Court Historical Society
The Honorable Jeffrey D. Kotkamp, committee chair*
