

>> Marshal: ALL RISE. HEAR YE, HEAR YE, HEAR YE. THE SUPREME COURT OF FLORIDA IS NOW IN SESSION, ALL WHO HAVE CAUSE TO PLEA, DRAW NEAR. GIVE ATTENTION. YOU SHALL BE HEARD. GOD SAVE THESE UNITED STATES, THE GREAT STATE OF FLORIDA, AND THIS HONORABLE COURT. LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, THE SUPREME COURT OF FLORIDA. PLEASE BE SEATED.

>> Chief Justice Carlos Muniz: GOOD MORNING WE WILL START TODAY WITH THE PUBLIC REPRIMAND OF JUDGE MARTHA ADAMS. GOOD MORNING. JUDGE ADAMS AFTER INVESTIGATION BY THE JUDICIAL QUALIFICATIONS COMMISSION FOUND "WHILE PRESIDING OVER CRIMINAL CASES IN ORANGE COUNTY YOU EXHIBITED BIASED IMPATIENT UNDIGNIFIED AND DISCOURTEOUS BEHAVIOR REGARDING THE STAFF AND MANAGEMENT OF THE NINTH CIRCUIT STATE ATTORNEY'S OFFICE. BECAUSE QUOTE YOU HAVE NOT CONTESTED THESE FINDINGS AND YOU ACKNOWLEDGE YOUR ACTIONS VIOLATED SEVERAL CANNONS OF THE CODE OF JUDICIAL CONDUCT. TO YOUR CREDIT YOU HAVE ACCEPTED RESPONSIBILITY EXPRESSED DEEP REGRET AND APOLOGIZED TO THE INDIVIDUALS MOST DIRECTLY AFFECTED BY YOUR BEHAVIOR. MOREOVER YOU HAVE NO PRIOR DISCIPLINE IN YOUR NEARLY 2 DECADES OF SERVICE AS A JUDGE AND ALL PRIOR COMPLAINTS OF THIS NATURE. ALL THAT SAID, YOU ENGAGED IN BEHAVIOR THAT OUR JUDICIARY CANNOT AND WILL NOT TOLERATE BEHAVIOR AND EXPRESSIONS THAT SHOW BIAS AGAINST ANY PARTY ARE DEEPLY DAMAGING TO THE INTEGRITY OF THE COURTS AND THE PUBLIC CONFIDENCE IN THE VERY IMPARTIAL ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE. NO JUDICIAL DUTY IS MORE FUNDAMENTAL THAN OUR OBLIGATION TO TREAT EVERY LITIGANT WITH CIVILITY AND RESPECT EVEN UNDER CHALLENGING CIRCUMSTANCES. PLEASE ENSURE THAT THIS DOES NOT HAPPEN AGAIN. YOUR PUBLIC REPRIMAND IS COMPLETE AND YOU ARE FREE TO LEAVE. THANK YOU.