

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
IN AND FOR LAKE COUNTY FLORIDA**

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER: L-2018-16

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER APPOINTING GARY COONEY  
CLERK AD INTERIM IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF COURT  
OF LAKE COUNTY FLORIDA**

**WHEREAS**, the Clerk of the Circuit Court in and for Lake County, Donald McNeil Kelly (Neil Kelly), has announced his retirement effective midnight, July 1, 2018.

**WHEREAS**, the Constitution of the State of Florida and Florida Statutes, provide the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court is to be filled at all times; and

**WHEREAS**, the legislature has provided a mechanism for the appointment of an interim clerk in the event the Governor of the State of Florida has not made an appointment to that office prior to the retirement date; and

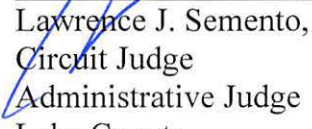
**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the authority delegated to the undersigned Court, by the Chief Judge of the 5<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit and under section 28.09, Florida Statutes and because the Governor is still considering the appointment, and because the retirement of the Clerk of the Circuit Court will leave the office vacant;

**NOW THEREFORE:**


It is **HEREBY ORDERED** that **GARY COONEY** is appointed as Clerk Ad Interim in the Office of the Clerk of Court of Lake County, Florida, and shall assume all of the responsibilities, perform all of the duties, and receive the same compensation for the time being as if he had been duly appointed to fill the office. Mr. COONEY shall give such bond and security for the faithful performance of duties as required by the Board of County Commissioners of Lake County, Florida.

It is **FURTHER ORDERED** that this interim appointment shall be effective at 12:00 A.M., July 1, 2018, and shall continue until such time as the Governor of the State of Florida makes an interim appointment to the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Lake County, Florida or as provided by General Law.

**DONE AND ORDERED** in chambers at Tavares, Lake County, Florida, this 21 day of May \_\_, 2018

  
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Lawrence J. Semento,  
Circuit Judge  
Administrative Judge  
Lake County

**DONE AND ORDERED** in chambers at Ocala, Marion County, Florida, this 24 day of May \_\_, 2018

  
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S. Sue Robbins  
Circuit Judge  
Chief Judge  
Fifth Judicial Circuit