

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
THE STATE OF FLORIDA**

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER: A-2020-33**

**IN RE: SPECIAL APPOINTMENT TO THE SENIOR JUDGE REVIEW  
BOARD FOR FLORIDA'S FIFTH APPELLATE DISTRICT**

**WHEREAS**, Article V, § 2(b) of the Florida Constitution gives the Chief Justice of the Florida Supreme Court the power to assign consenting retired judges (“senior judges”) to temporary duty in any court for which the judge is qualified, and the authorization to delegate to the chief judge of a judicial circuit court the power to assign said senior judges duty within the circuit; and

**WHEREAS**, senior judges perform the same work as full-time judges at a fraction of the cost, many of them out of an abiding commitment to public service, the utilization of Senior Judges is an important component of the operation of the Fifth Judicial Circuit; and

**WHEREAS**, senior judges do not stand for election, the Florida Supreme Court has determined that all senior judges be subject to periodic review, and memorialized same in *In RE REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE APPOINTMENT AND ASSIGNMENT OF SENIOR JUDGES*, 847 So. 2d 415 (2003); and

**WHEREAS**, the Florida Supreme Court as determined continuing service as a senior judge requires periodic review which includes recommendations of a review board after consideration of input from attorneys who appear before the court; and

**WHEREAS**, the review of senior judges is conducted by five review boards, one board for each appellate district, and shall include the chief judge of each circuit within the district, or her designee, and one attorney appointed by each chief judge.

**IT IS THEREFORE,**

**ORDERED and ADJUDGED** as follows:

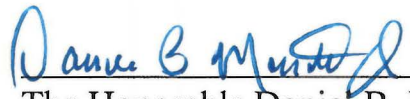
1. The Honorable Daniel B. Merritt, Jr., Chief Judge for the Fifth

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Judicial Circuit of Florida, shall serve as a member of the Senior Judge Review Board for Florida's Fifth Appellate District, for such time as he remains chief judge.

2. M. Thomas Bond, Jr., Esquire, being a distinguished member, in good standing, of the Florida Bar, is hereby re-appointed to serve on the Senior Judge Review Board for Florida's Fifth Appellate District.
3. This Appointment is effective as of the date of this Order, and the attorney appointee, shall serve a three (3) year term.

**DONE and ORDERED** in Chambers at Brooksville, Hernando County, Florida this 3<sup>rd</sup> of August 2020.

  
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The Honorable Daniel B. Merritt, Jr.  
Chief Judge, Fifth Judicial Circuit