

Supreme Court of Florida

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2020

CASE NO.: SC20-985

REPRESENTATIVE GERALDINE F. THOMPSON, ETC. vs. GOVERNOR RON DESANTIS, ET AL.

Petitioner(s)

Respondent(s)

The Florida Constitution required Governor Ron DeSantis to have filled an existing vacancy in office on this Court by making a constitutionally valid appointment by March 23, 2020. On September 11, 2020, we issued an order concluding that the Governor had not complied with this constitutional duty. We therefore ordered the Governor “immediately to appoint and commission a constitutionally eligible nominee from among the seven remaining candidates already certified by the judicial nominating commission.” The order imposed a compliance deadline of noon today.

Trusting that the Governor would fully comply with the order, and consistent with our traditional practice, the Court withheld issuance of the writ of mandamus. The deadline has now passed. It appearing that the Governor has yet to comply, we hereby issue the writ of mandamus and order the Governor immediately to comply with the Court’s order of September 11 and to certify his compliance to the Court by 5:00 p.m. today.

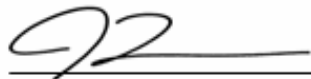
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CANADY, C.J., and POLSTON, LABARGA, LAWSON, and MUÑIZ, JJ., concur.
COURIEL, J., recused.

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