



**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
IN AND FOR BAY, CALHOUN, GULF, HOLMES, JACKSON AND WASHINGTON
COUNTIES**

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2020-00-21

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING STATE ATTORNEY

WHEREAS, State Attorney Glenn Hess has informed the Court that he will resign as State Attorney as of December 30, 2020 at 11:59 p.m., five days prior to the expiration of his term as State Attorney;

WHEREAS, Section 27.16, Florida Statutes, provides the Chief Judge of the Circuit with the authority to appoint an acting State Attorney, if the office becomes vacant; it is, therefore,

ORDERED AND DIRECTED that the Acting State Attorney for the Fourteenth Judicial Circuit will be Larry Basford, starting on December 30, 2020 at 11:59 p.m. through January 5, 2021, when he is sworn in as State Attorney.

DONE AND ORDERED in chambers at the Bay County Courthouse, Panama City, Florida, this 28th day of December, 2020.

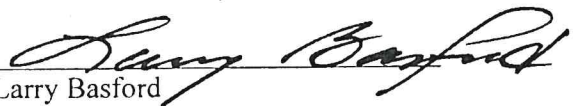
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CHRISTOPHER N. PATTERSON
CHIEF JUDGE

CONSTITUTIONAL OATH FOR PUBLIC OFFICIAL

I do solemnly swear that I will support, protect, and defend the Constitution and the Government of the United States and of the State of Florida; that I am duly qualified to hold office under the Constitution of the state; and that I will well and faithfully perform the duties of the Office of the State Attorney, Fourteenth Judicial Circuit, on which I am now about to enter. So help me God.

Article II, Section 5, Constitution of the State of Florida.



Larry Basford
Acting State Attorney
Fourteenth Judicial Circuit
State of Florida

DATE: 12/28/20

DONE AND ORDERED in chambers, at the Bay County Courthouse, Panama City, Florida, this 28 day of December, 2020.



HONORABLE CHRISTOPHER N. PATTERSON
CHIEF JUDGE
FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
STATE OF FLORIDA

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December 4, 2020

The Honorable Christopher N. Patterson
Circuit Judge, B.C.S.
300 East 4th Street
P.O. Box 2237 (32402)
Panama City, FL 32401

Dear Judge Patterson,

After 25 years in public office, as a Circuit Judge and as State Attorney, it is time for me to retire. I am, therefore, resigning the office of State Attorney for the 14th Circuit as of midnight, December 30, 2020, 11:59 pm.

In August, Larry Basford was elected to be my successor. He is presently my Chief Assistant and certainly the person to manage this office upon my exit.

It has been a great honor to serve Florida and my community. I wish you well in these challenging times.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Glenn Hess".

Glenn Hess
State Attorney

GH/dj



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BILL KINSAUL CLERK
OF THE CIRCUIT COURT

By Bill Kinsaul
Deputy Clerk