

RETAIN FLORIDA SUPREME COURT JUSTICES

This general election, several Florida Supreme Court Justices are on the ballot for “merit retention,” and we urge you to vote to keep them on the bench. All Florida Supreme Court Justices must appear on the ballot every six years—a process that gives the people an opportunity to vote against justices who have acted unethically. This year, however, the justices on the ballot are being targeted for their legal opinion concerning a SINGLE issue. This is one precedent that should not be established and will lead us down a dangerous road. Don’t allow these esteemed justices to be ousted because of a single legal opinion.

The simple truth is removing these justices from the bench would be an gross abuse of the merit-retention process, which is designed to oust members of the judiciary who have proven themselves unfit for office; it is never intended to be a political referendum based on a single opinion. All of these justices are people of great experience, education and integrity, and they have done their best to render justice based on facts and law applicable to each case—not the popular political climate at the moment. These justices have proven their dedication to the justice system over the years and have based their decisions on the facts and the law rather than counting votes before a ruling. Revealing, those seeking to remove these justices from the bench publicly admitted the justices were correct in their decision based on the facts and the law – they simply did not like the results.

We urge you to also follow the facts, and vote to retain all Florida Supreme Court justices on the ballot this year. For more information on this issue, click [HERE](#) for a recent Orlando Sentinel Editorial urging retention of these justices. (*Hyperlink to Orlando Sentinel Editorial*)

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