

# Supreme Court of Florida

## PROCLAMATION IN RE **Robert Craig Waters**

WHEREAS, Robert Craig Waters has served the Supreme Court of Florida, the judicial branch, the legal profession, and the people of the state during a distinguished career of 35 years; and

WHEREAS, Robert Craig Waters worked as a staff attorney first to Justice Rosemary Barkett and then to Justice Gerald Kogan during which time he created the first Florida Supreme Court website; and

WHEREAS, Robert Craig Waters went on to be appointed as the first public information officer for the Supreme Court of Florida and began posting opinions and distributing all high-profile case filings of the Court on an expanded website; and

WHEREAS, Robert Craig Waters spearheaded broadcasting and streaming video of all Supreme Court of Florida oral arguments; and

WHEREAS, Robert Craig Waters began hosting the Florida Bar/Supreme Court Reporters' Workshop to promote effective relationships with news reporters; and

WHEREAS, Robert Craig Waters advocated for and fulfilled the Supreme Court's direction to use social media to distribute Court-related public information; and

WHEREAS, Robert Craig Waters founded the Florida Court Public Information Officers, Inc., to support the mission of the judicial branch, promote transparency, facilitate distribution of emergency court information, and, ultimately, fulfill the Court's statewide communication plan;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Supreme Court of Florida hereby expresses heartfelt thanks to Robert Craig Waters for his dedicated service and immense contributions to the judicial branch, the legal profession, and the people of Florida.

AND THE SAME is hereby ordered and done in chambers at Tallahassee, Florida, on this Ninth Day of February in the Year Two Thousand Twenty-Two.

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Chief Justice Charles T. Canady

ATTEST:

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John A. Tomasino, Clerk of Court