

CHRONOLOGY OF THE CHIEF JUSTICES OF FLORIDA

Compiled by Agatha Thursby
Revised by Jo Dowling &
The Public Information Office

Updated March 10, 2018

COURT OF APPEALS, TERRITORY OF FLORIDA January 3, 1825 - February 13, 1845

Presiding Judges:

Joseph L. Smith
Henry M. Brachenridge
Thomas Randall
Richard C. Allen
Isaac H. Bronson
Dillon Jordan
William Maurie

CHIEF JUSTICES, SUPREME COURT OF FLORIDA

Terms of Service

(Numerals after names indicate additional nonconsecutive terms of service by the same Justice)

1.	Thomas Douglas	January 1846 to 1851	St. Johns
2.	Walker Anderson	January 1851 to May 4, 1853	Escambia
3.	Benjamin D. Wright	May 24, 1853 to 1853	Escambia
4.	Thomas Baltzell	January 1854 to 1859	Leon
5.	Charles H. DuPont	January 1860 to 1868	Gadsden
6.	Edwin M. Randall	January 1869 to January 7, 1885	Duval
7.	George G. McWhorter	January 8, 1885 to July 1, 1887	Santa Rosa
8.	Augustus E. Maxwell	July 1, 1887 to January 1889	Escambia
9.	George P. Raney	January 1889 to June 30, 1894	Leon
10.	Benjamin S. Liddon	July 1, 1894 to December 1894	Jackson
11.	Milton H. Mabry	January 1895 to 1896	Lake
12.	R. Fenwick Taylor	January 1897 to January 10, 1905	Alachua
13.	James B. Whitfield	January 10, 1905 to June 12, 1905	Leon
14.	Thomas M. Shackelford	June 12, 1905 to January 4, 1909	Hillsborough
	James B. Whitfield ²	January 6, 1909 to January 1913	Leon
	Thomas M. Shackelford ²	January 1913 to January 1915	Hillsborough
	R. Fenwick Taylor ²	January 1915 to January 2, 1917	Alachua
15.	Jefferson B. Browne	January 2, 1917 to January 1923	Monroe
	R. Fenwick Taylor ³	January 9, 1923 to February 28, 1925	Alachua
16.	Thomas F. West	February 28, 1925 to December 3, 1925	Santa Rosa
17.	Armstead Brown	December 4, 1925 to January 1927	Dade
18.	William H. Ellis	January 11, 1927 to January 8, 1929	Gadsden
19.	Glenn Terrell	January 8, 1929 to January 13, 1931	Sumter
20.	Louie W. Strum	January 13, 1931 to March 5, 1931	Duval
21.	Rivers H. Buford	March 5, 1931 to January 10, 1933	Leon
22.	Fred H. Davis	January 10, 1933 to January 8, 1935	Leon
	James B. Whitfield ³	January 8, 1935 to January 1937	Leon
	William H. Ellis ²	January 1937 to November 1, 1938	Gadsden
	Glenn Terrell ²	November 1, 1938 to January 1941	Sumter
	Armstead Brown ²	January 1941 to January 1943	Dade
	Rivers Buford ²	January 1943 to January 9, 1945	Leon
23.	Roy H. Chapman	January 9, 1945 to January 1947	Columbia
24.	Elwyn Thomas	January 1947 to January 1949	St. Lucie

25.	Alto Adams	January 1949 to January 1951	St. Lucie
26.	Harold L. Sebring	January 1951 to January 1953	Alachua
27.	T. Frank Hobson	January 1953 to March 14, 1953	Pinellas
28.	B. K. Roberts	March 14, 1953 to January 11, 1955	Leon
29.	John E. Mathews	January 11, 1955 to April 30, 1955	Duval
30.	E. Harris Drew	May 6, 1955 to January 8, 1957	Palm Beach
	Glenn Terrell ³	January 8, 1957 to July 14, 1959	Sumter
	Elwyn Thomas ²	July 14, 1959 to July 1, 1961	St. Lucie
	B. K. Roberts ²	July 1, 1961 to July 1, 1963	Leon
	E. Harris Drew ²	July 1, 1963 to July 1, 1965	Palm Beach
31.	Campbell Thornal	July 1, 1965 to July 1, 1967	Orange
32.	Stephen C. O'Connell	July 1, 1967 to September 5, 1967	Broward
33.	Millard F. Caldwell	September 5, 1967 to January 7, 1969	Leon
34.	Richard W. Ervin	January 7, 1969 to January 5, 1971	Putnam
	B. K. Roberts ³	January 5, 1971 to January 1, 1973	Leon
35.	Vassar B. Carlton	January 1, 1973 to February 28, 1974	Brevard
36.	James C. Adkins, Jr.	March 1, 1974 to March 1, 1976	Alachua
37.	Ben F. Overton	March 1, 1976 to June 30, 1978	Pinellas
38.	Arthur J. England, Jr.	July 1, 1978 to June 30, 1980	Dade
39.	Alan C. Sundberg	July 1, 1980 to June 30, 1982	Pinellas
40.	James E. Alderman	July 1, 1982 to June 30, 1984	St. Lucie
41.	Joseph A. Boyd, Jr.	July 1, 1984 to June 30, 1986	Dade
42.	Parker Lee McDonald	July 1, 1986 to June 30, 1988	Orange
43.	Raymond Ehrlich	July 1, 1988 to June 30, 1990	Duval
44.	Leander J. Shaw, Jr.	July 1, 1990 to June 30, 1992	Duval
45.	Rosemary Barkett	July 1, 1992 to April 21, 1994	Palm Beach
46.	Stephen H. Grimes	April 21, 1994 to May 31, 1996	Polk
47.	Gerald Kogan	June 1, 1996 to June 30, 1998	Dade
48.	Major B. Harding	July 1, 1998 to June 30, 2000	Duval
49.	Charles T. Wells	July 1, 2000 to June 30, 2002	Orange
50.	Harry Lee Anstead	July 1, 2002 to June 30, 2004	Palm Beach
51.	Barbara J. Pariente	July 1, 2004 to June 30, 2006	Palm Beach
52.	R. Fred Lewis	July 1, 2006 to June 30, 2008	Dade
53.	Peggy A. Quince	July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2010	Hillsborough
54.	Charles T. Canady	July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2012	Polk
55.	Ricky Polston	July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2014	Jackson
56.	Jorge Labarga	July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2018	Palm Beach
	Charles T. Canady ²	July 1, 2018 to	Polk