



Supreme Court of Florida

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Florida Supreme Court announces new Interim State Courts Administrator

TALLAHASSEE – The Florida Supreme Court has named as its new Interim State Courts Administrator Lisa Goodner Kiel, who has worked in Florida state government for over 35 years.

Kiel replaces former State Courts Administrator Patricia “PK” Jameson, who returned to work in an administrative role with the Florida Legislature on Friday. Kiel’s first day in her interim role was Monday.

Florida’s Chief Justice Charles Canady and the other Justices chose Kiel because of her breadth of knowledge about judicial relations with the other branches of government. Her prior experience includes 11 years as the Florida Supreme Court’s state courts administrator before she retired in 2014.

Kiel’s career in the courts system began in 1990 as the chief of personnel services in the Office of the State Courts Administrator. She was a deputy state courts administrator at the Court from 1993 until 2003, when she was promoted to state courts administrator. She served there until her retirement in 2014.

Afterward, Kiel worked as a private consultant on a variety of justice-related issues.

As state courts administrator, Kiel is responsible for overseeing the broad range of policy, intergovernmental relations, and operational functions

performed by the Office of the State Courts Administrator on behalf of the Florida Supreme Court, the district courts of appeal, and the trial courts.

She received her bachelor's degree and the Certified Public Manager designation from Florida State University.

In 2012, she was inducted by the National Center for State Courts into the Warren E. Burger Society, in recognition of her exemplary commitment to improving the administration of justice. She is widely regarded nationwide as an expert in the field of court management.

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