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Also Admitted
1 Georgia
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February 4, 2022

Date: 2/7/22
Received: Commission Office
Copies to: BOCC, County Manager
County Attorney, Gina Peebles
Mark Sexton

Marihelen Wheeler
Ken Cornell
Charles Chestnut, IV
Alachua Board of County Commissioners
12 S.E. 1st Street
Gainesville, FL 32601

Dear Commissioners Wheeler, Cornell and Chestnut:

Please be advised that I have been requested on behalf of the family of Stephan Mickle to clarify that the portrait of Judge Mickle that is to hang in the County Courthouse is on loan from the family and should not be considered an addition to the County's inventory. The portrait is to be displayed as a tribute to Judge Mickle and will remain for public viewing until either the County or the family decides to remove it. I hope this assurance will expedite it being displayed in a manner that honors Judge Mickle and furthers the reconciliation efforts of Alachua County.

Thanks so much for all you have done.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Rod Smith', is written over a horizontal line.

Rod Smith, Esq.
Courthouse Renaming Committee

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