WEST PALM BEACH – Judge Carole Y. Taylor has notified Governor Ron DeSantis that she will retire from the Fourth District Court of Appeal on March 31, 2020. She has served on the appellate bench for 22 years.

Judge Taylor was first appointed to the Broward County Court of the Seventeenth Judicial Circuit in 1991 by Governor Lawton Chiles. In 1995, the governor appointed Judge Taylor to the Broward Circuit Court. She was the first black female judge to serve on the circuit court in Broward County. A few years later, Governor Chiles moved Judge Taylor to the Fourth District Court of Appeal in West Palm Beach, where she has since sat with many esteemed colleagues during her tenure.

In her letter to Governor DeSantis, Judge Taylor expressed her gratitude for the high honor and privilege of serving in the Florida judiciary.