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AG Moody Statement on Justice Lagoa

TALLAHASSEE, Fla.—Attorney General Ashley Moody today released the following statement on Governor Ron DeSantis' selection of Justice Barbara Lagoa for the Florida Supreme Court:

"I want to congratulate Justice Lagoa on her selection to serve on the Florida Supreme Court. As the first Cuban-American woman to serve on the Third District Court of Appeals and the author of more than 300 majority opinions, her elevation is well deserved.

"As a former judge and prosecutor, I know the importance of having well qualified justices who are committed to the rule of law on Florida's high court. Like Governor DeSantis, I believe judges should enforce the law as written and intended by our elected lawmakers. Justice Lagoa has a distinguished career serving this state already.

"From meeting with her, she will defend the rule of law and uphold Florida's and the federal Constitution. By selecting Justice Lagoa, Governor DeSantis has fulfilled one of his most important campaign promises, and he should be applauded for doing so, so quickly and purposefully. My office looks forward to appearing in front of the full Florida Supreme Court, including newly selected Justice Lagoa."