



# 2012 Florida Supreme Court Judicial Voter Guide

## Florida Family Policy Council VOTER GUIDE



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On November 6, 2012 Floridians will be given the opportunity to vote YES or NO in a merit retention race on three Justices who currently sit on the Florida Supreme Court (FS Court). The purpose of this special Judicial Voter Guide is to compare and contrast how the three justices voted in various important cases which have come before the court on moral, social, educational, criminal and voting rights issues.



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<p><b>MINOR'S RIGHT TO ABORTION</b> The FS Court struck down a law requiring parents to be notified before a minor child could have an abortion <sup>1</sup></p>	<b>AGREED WITH DECISION*</b>	<b>AGREED WITH DECISION</b>	<b>AGREED WITH DECISION</b>
<p><b>REVERSING VERDICT OF GUILTY</b> The FS Court overturned a verdict of guilty in a murder case based upon the accused's own confession and admission to the crime <sup>2</sup></p>	<b>AGREED WITH DECISION*</b>	<b>AGREED WITH DECISION</b>	<b>AGREED WITH DECISION</b>
<p><b>REVERSING JURY VERDICT OF GUILTY</b> The FS Court overturned a jury verdict of guilty in a child abduction case where the accused was caught in the act on a surveillance camera <sup>3</sup></p>	<b>DISAGREED WITH DECISION</b>	<b>AGREED WITH DECISION</b>	<b>AGREED WITH DECISION</b>
<p><b>STRIKING DOWN SCHOOL CHOICE</b> The FS Court struck down the scholarship program advocated by Governor Jeb Bush which would have allowed students attending chronic-ally failing schools to switch to a better public school or receive a voucher to attend a private school <sup>4</sup></p>	<b>AGREED WITH DECISION</b>	<b>AGREED WITH DECISION</b>	<b>AGREED WITH DECISION</b>
<p><b>BLOCKING VOTE ON OBAMACARE</b> The FS Court prevented the people of Florida from voting on a constitutional amendment proposed by the legislature which sought to challenge the individual mandate of the Affordable Care Act, a.k.a Obamacare <sup>5</sup></p>	<b>AGREED WITH DECISION</b>	<b>AGREED WITH DECISION</b>	<b>AGREED WITH DECISION</b>
<p><b>STRIKING AMENDMENT AFTER PASSING</b> The FS Court struck down a state constitutional amendment regarding standards for imposing the death penalty after the amendment was approved by Florida voters with a super majority vote of 78.2% <sup>6</sup></p>	<b>DISAGREED WITH DECISION</b>	<b>AGREED WITH DECISION</b>	<b>DISAGREED WITH DECISION</b>

1) N. Fla. Women's Health & Counseling Servs. v. State 2) Nixon v State 3) Delgado v. State 4) Bush v. Holmes  
5) Fla. Dep't of State v. Mangat 6) Armstrong v. Harris

\* Even though Justice Lewis agreed with the actual and final result in these cases, he was highly critical of the majority opinion of the courts decisions.