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Biographical Sketch

Richard Fred Lewis (born December 14, 1947) was appointed to the Supreme Court of Florida on December 7, 1998. From 2006-2008, he served as Chief Justice, and then again as Justice until his retirement in 2019. Notable during his tenure was the Florida Supreme Court's involvement in the 2000 presidential election.

While serving as Chief Justice, Lewis founded Justice Teaching, an organization that has over 4,000 volunteer lawyers and judges placed with and active in all Florida public schools. The organization's goal is to enhance civic and law-related education through active programs in all levels of Florida schools.

Lewis was born in Beckley, West Virginia and graduated in 1969 from Florida Southern College. He then attended the University of Miami School of Law, where he graduated third in his class, cum laude, in 1972. Justice R. Fred Lewis is a veteran of the United States Army, and practiced law in Miami until his appointment to the Florida Supreme Court. After retirement from the Supreme Court Lewis moved to Lakeland and now serves as the Eminent Professor of Law and Letters at Florida Southern College. He is the founder of Justice Teaching which is also now at Florida Southern and relocated to the Justice Teaching Center for Civic Learning.
https://www.floridasupremecourt.org/News-Media/Court-News/Farewell-Justice-Lewis-article

Scope & Content Note

The Justice R. Fred Lewis Florida Supreme Court Papers highlight his career on the Florida Supreme Court from 1998 to 2018 when he retired. The collection consists of the following series arranged chronologically and then alphabetically: *2000 Election, 2004 Election, Case Logs, Committees, Correspondence, Financial, Florida Court Education Council, Opinions*, and *Personal Artefacts.* The latter category includes awards Justice Lewis received.

Correspondence and court documents provide an insight into the day-to-day operations of a state supreme court. Of special interest are the files, newspapers articles, and correspondence surrounding the 2000 presidential election, ballot recounts, Florida Supreme Court Rulings, and the U.S. Supreme Court ruling. Additional documents highlight Justice Lewis's activities with the Justice Teaching Institute, the Florida Board of Bar Examiners, several professional organizations, and his dedication to making court access equitable for people with disabilities.

Note to the Researcher

Correspondence was separated and arranged as "official" and "personal," with an error towards professional as the subject was a public figure.

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3	5-8			Palm Beach County v. Harris (1-4 of 5 files)
4	1			Palm Beach County v. Harris (5 of 5 files)
4	2			Palm Beach Co. Canvassing vs Harris: FL Supreme Ct. Orders
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4	7-9			Palm Bch. Co. Canvassing Board; Volusia Co. Canvassing Board; FL. Dem. Party v Harris et.al (1-3 of 6 files)
5	1-3			Palm Bch. Co. Canvassing Board; Volusia Co. Canvassing Board; FL. Dem. Party v Harris et.al. (4-6 of 6 files)
5	4-7			Gore v. Harris SC00-2385 FL. Supreme Court (4 files)
6	1-7			Gore v. Harris SC00-2431 FL. Supreme Court (1-7 of 8 files)
7	1			Gore v. Harris SC00-2431 FL. Supreme Court (8 of 8 files)
7	2-4			Taylor v. Martin County SC00-2448
7	5-6			Jacobs v. Seminole County Canvassing Board SC00-2447 (1-2 of 4 files)
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8	3-5			Kainen v. Harris SC00-1644 (3 files)
8	6			Correspondence
8	7			Filming in the Court: Recount, 2007
8	8			News Articles
44		**Newspapers**		
44			***The Florida Times Union,*** Jacksonville, Florida	
44	1			Wednesday, November 22, 2000, “Court OKs recounts”
44	2			Thursday, November 23, 2000, “Miami-Dade halts recount; Gore asks court to intervene”
44	3			Friday, November 24, 2000, “Gore will challenge Miami-Dade

				result”
44	4			Tuesday, November 28, 2000, “Gore asks for patience in challenge”
44	5			Wednesday, November 29, 2000, “Gore fights for recounts in 5 courts”
44	6			Friday, December 8, 2000, “Courts could rule today”
44			***The Gainesville Sun,*** Gainesville, Florida	
44	7			Wednesday, November 22, 2000, “Judges allow recounts”
44	8			Thursday, November 23, 2000, “Miami end counting”
44	9			Friday, November 24, 2000, “Gore says he won’t concede”
44	10			Tuesday, November 28, 2000, “Gore defends actions”
44	11			Wednesday, November 29, 2000, “Gore urges haste”
44	12			Friday, December 8, 2000, “Courts prepare to rule”
44			***St. Petersburg Times, Metro & State Section,*** Tampa, Florida	
44	13			Wednesday, November 22, 2000, “Military ballots brook varying rules”
44			***The Miami Herald***, Miami and South Florida	
44	14			Wednesday, November 22, 2000, “Justices: Keep Counting”
44	15			Thursday, November 23, 2000, “A Stunning Reversal”
44	16			Friday, November 24, 2000, “Gore Vows No Retreat”
44	17			Tuesday, December 12, 2000, “Tense Court Drama”
44	18			Wednesday, December 13, 2000, “Defeat for Gore”
45			***The New York Times***, New York	
45	1			Tuesday, November 21, 2000, “Florida Justices Zero In on Recount Deadlines”
45	2			Wednesday, November 22, 2000, “Florida Court Backs Hand Recounts and Orders Vote Deadline of Monday”
45	3			Thursday, November 23, 2000, “Bush Takes Appeal to U.S. Supreme Court; Cheney in Hospital with Mild Heart Attack”
45	4			Friday, November 24, 2000, “Florida’s High Court Deals Gore a Setback, Denying Bid to Force a Miami-Dade Recount”
45	5			Tuesday, November 28, 2000, “Gore asks Public for Patience; Bush Starts Transition Moves; Administration Withholds Aid”
45	6			Wednesday, November 29, 2000, “Florida Lawmakers Moving to Bypass Courts for Bush; Judge Bars a Quick Recount”
45	7			Friday, December 8, 2000, “Florida High Court Hears Gore’s Appeal on Vote”
45			***Orlando Sentinel***, Orlando, Florida	
45	8			Wednesday, November 22, 2000, “Recounts count”
45	9			Thursday, November 23, 2000, “More surprises”
45	10			Friday, November 24, 2000, “Advantage: Bush”
45	11			Tuesday, November 28, 2000, “Gore hangs tough”
45	12			Wednesday, November 29, 2000, “Bush, Gore fight the clock”
45	13			Friday, December 8, 2000, “Beginning of the end”
46			***The Palm Beach Post***, Palm Beach and South Florida	
46	1			Wednesday, November 22, 2000, “Supreme Court rules: End Counts by Sunday”
46	2			Thursday, November 23, 2000, “Bush wants U.S. high court to stop

				state hand counts”
46	3			Friday, November 24, 2000, “Gore to contest election results”
46	4			Friday, December 8, 2000, “Gore’s team makes final plea”
46			***Pittsburgh Post-Gazette***, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania	
46	5			Tuesday, November 21, 2000, “Election Rests on 7 Jurists”
46			***St. Petersburg Times***, St. Petersburg, and Greater Tampa, Florida	
46	6			Thursday, November 23, 2000, “Political bedlam”
46	7			Friday, November 24, 2000, “Court stymies Gore”
46	8			Tuesday, November 28, 2000, “Gore: Count the votes”
46	9			Wednesday, November 29, 2000, “Judge: Turn over ballots”
46			***Sun-Sentinel***, South Florida	
46	10			Wednesday, November 22, 2000, “Court orders recounts to go on”
46	11			Thursday, November 23, 2000, “A roller-coaster day”
46	12			Friday, November 24, 2000, “Gore to challenge Miami-Dade vote”
46	13			Friday, December 8, 2000, “Gore, Bush teams put through paces”
47			***Tallahassee Democrat***, Tallahassee, Florida	
47	1			Wednesday, November 22, 2000, “Keep counting”
47	2			Thursday, November 23, 2000, “Court battles intensify”
47	3			Friday, November 24, 2000, “Supreme Court squelch”
47	4			Tuesday, November 28, 2000, “Gore challenges election”
47	5			Wednesday, November 29, 2000, “13,000 ballots on the way”
47			***The Tampa Tribune***, Greater Tampa, Florida	
47	6			Wednesday, November 22, 2000, “Keep Counting”
47	7			Thursday, November 23, 2000 “Miami-Dade Down for Count”
47	8			Friday, November 24, 2000, “Gore Battles Miami-Dade
47	9			Tuesday, November 28, 2000, “A plea for patience”
47	10			Wednesday, November 29, 2000, “2 capitals, multiple ballot battles”
47			***USA Today***, U.S.	
47	11			Fri/Sat/Sun, November 24-26, 2000, “Gore to contest election”
47			***The Wall Street Journal***, U.S.	
47	12			Friday, November 24, 2000, “Counter Attacks: As Gore Makes Slow But Not-So-Sure Gains, All Out War Looms”
47	13			Tuesday, November 28, 2000, “Courting Votes: If History Is a Guide, Gore’s Latest Tactic May Be a Long Shot”
47	14			Wednesday, November 29, 2000, “Divided We Stand? It Isn’t Necessarily A Muddle When Voters Split Down the Middle”
8		**2004 Election**		
8	9			Reform Party v. Black SC04-1755 (1 of 2)
8	10			Reform Party v. Black SC04-1755 (2 of 2)
9		**Case Logs**		
9	1			2004-2018
9		**Committees**		
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9	5-8			1999 (3)
9	9-10			2000 (2)
10	3-5			2001 (3)
10	6-7			2002 (2)
10	8-9			2003 (2)
10	10-11			2004 (2)
10	12			2005
11	1			2005
11	2			June, 2006
11	3-4			July, 2006 (2)
11	5-6			August, 2006 (2)
11	7-9			September, 2006 (3)
11	10			October, 2006 (1)
12	1-4			October, 2006 (4)
12	5-7			November, 2006 (3)
12	8-9			December, 2006 (2 of 5)
13	1-3			December, 2006 (3 of 5)
13	4			Mannington Carpets, 2006
13	5-9			January, 2007 (5)
13	10-11			February, 2007 (2 of 4)
14	1-2			February, 2007 (2 of 4)
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14	7-8			April, 2007 (2 of 4)
15	1-2			April, 2007 (2 of 4)
15	3-6			May, 2007 (4)
15	7-9			June, 2007 (3 of 4)
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18	1			December, 2007
18	2-5			January, 2008 (4)
18	6-8			February, 2008 (3)
18	9			March, 2008 (1 of 3)
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20	11-12			2009 (2)
21	1-2			2010 (2)
21	3-5			2011 (3)
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22	9			1999
22	10			2000
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32	7			June - July, 2006
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24		**Correspondence**		
24			***Florida Board of Bar Examiners***	
24	11			1994-2004
24	12			2006-2007
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24		**Correspondence**		
24			***Justice Teaching Initiative***	
24	14			1994-2001
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25	6			2012, Emil Gumpert Award
25	7			2013
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25		**Financial**		
25	12		Discretionary Fund, 2006-2008	
25		**Florida Court Education Council**		
25	13		End of Term Report, 2006-2008	
25		**Opinions**		
25	14-15			1999 (2)
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43		**Personal Artifacts**		
43	9		Consortium for Social Responsibility and Character in Education Summer Conference, framed poster, June 14 – June 16, 2001	
43	10		Publication: Arts in the Court Historical Project, 2003	
43	11		Justice Lewis visiting Lutz Elementary, framed photo collage, February 17, 2005	
43	12		Publication: Access to the Courts for Persons with Disabilities, 2006	
43	13		“Chief Justice’s Passion Inspires Students” by Jannette Neuwahl, *The Daytona Beach News-Journal*, framed article, March 17, 2007	
43	14		Articles about Lewis	
43	15		Coal Mines Letters	
43	16		Publication Agreement, 2011	
43	17		Transforming Florida’s Mental Health System	
43	18		Office Guestbook	
43	19		Cover of *Res Gestae* Magazine, poster, December 2016	
43	20		How to Really Love a Child, poster, n.d.	
43		**Awards**		
50	10		“1998 Louis M. Brown Award for Legal Access” given by The American Bar Association, 1998	
48	6		“In Honor of Your Outstanding Achievements and Distinguished Service to the Legal Profession” given by Cuban-American Bar Association, February 13, 1999	
53	1		“Bill of Rights” given by Dade County F.A.W.L, February 5, 1999	

			“In Recognition and Appreciation of Your Outstanding Leadership and Tireless Dedication to the Interests of Children Everywhere” given by Dade County Bar Association Young Lawyers Section and The Florida Department of Children and Families Independent Living Program, June 22, 2000
43	21		“Certificate of Appreciation” given by Miami Senior High School Legal & Public Affairs Magnet Program, September 28, 2000
50	7		“Friends of Justice Award” given by American Board of Trial Advocates Miami Chapter, January 2000
43	22		“Citizenship Award 2001” given by Palm Bay High School, 2001
49	1		“Everyday Hero” given by TMH Foundation, December 28, 2001
48	1		“Public Trust and Confidence Award” given by Florida Law Related Education Association, Inc., June 2001
52	3		“In Appreciation for Your Outstanding Contributions and Support to the American Legion Auxiliary” given by American Legion Auxiliary Florida Girls State, June 2002
50	3		“Certificate of Appreciation” given by Lakeland Highlands Middle School, May 15, 2002
43	23		“Certificate of Appreciation” given by Miami Senior High School Legal & Public Affairs Magnet Program, January 11, 2002
53	2		“Doctor of Laws Honoris Causa” given by St. Thomas University School of Law, May 11, 2002
49	3		“In Appreciation for Your Outstanding Contributions and Support to the American Legion Auxiliary” given by American Legion Auxiliary Florida Girls State, June 2003
43	24		“In Appreciation” given by Glades Middle School, September 5, 2003
51	3		“Commencement Address 2004 Graduating Class” given by Miami Dade College, May 1, 2004
53	3		“Honorary Associate of Arts and Letters” given by Miami Dade College, May 1, 2004
49	7		“In Appreciation” given by American Legion Auxiliary Florida Girls State, 2005
52	4		“Great American Law in Education Award” given by Florida Law Related Education Association, Inc., 2005
53	4		“Proclamation of Chief Justice R. Fred Lewis Day” given by City of Miami Beach, December 14, 2006
50	11		“Award of Appreciation” given by Miami Lakes K-8 Center, September 29, 2006
48	9		“Easter Seals Judge Wilkie Ferguson Advocacy Award” given by Easter Seals Miami-Dade, October 5, 2006
50	9		“For Exceptional Service to the Bench, Bar, and Public” given by Miami Beach Bar Association, December 14, 2006
50	12		“Guardian of the Constitution Award” given by Florida Law Related Education Association, Inc., 2006
51	2		“Constitution Education Award,” 2007
48	2		“Education for Justice Award” given by Florida High School Mock Trial Competition, March 31, 2007
50	6		“2007 Florida Law Week Award,” 2007
52	5		“Justice Fred Lewis” given by Space Coast Tiger Bay Club, March 1,

			2007
49	10		"Pursuit of Justice Award" given by American Bar Association, October 4, 2007
48	5		"Resolution in Re The Honorable R. Fred Justice Lewis" given by Florida Alliance for Assistive Services and Technology, Inc., November 5, 2007
53	5		"Certificate of Appreciation" given by Judges of the 11th Judicial Circuit of Miami-Dade County, Florida, June 30, 2008
48	3		"Distinguished Service Award" given by Florida Law Related Education Association, Inc., May 3, 2008
49	6		"In Appreciation for Your Dedication to Public Service and the Citizens of the State of Florida" given by Miami-Dade Justice Association, 2008
51	4		"Gracias Award" given by Broward County Hispanic Bar, June 7, 2008
52	2		"2007-2008 Joe Oldmixon Award" given by CIL Disability Resource Center, 2008
53	6		"In Recognition of Chief Justice Lewis" given by Cuban American Bar Association, January 1, 2008
49	9		"In Appreciation" given by CBC of Seminole, May 29, 2008
48	7		"Certificate of Appreciation" given by State of Florida Office of Criminal Conflict and Civil Regional Counsel, Third Region, August 17, 2009
52	6		"Constitution Education Award" given by Florida Law Related Education Association, Inc., 2009
52	1		"For Your Commitment to the Education of Our Future Leaders" given by Puerto Rican Bar Association, November 14, 2009
43	25		"Resolution no. 09-109: 'Justice Teaching Day'" given by Board of County Commissioners of Pasco County, Florida, 2009
51	6		"In Appreciation of Your Time" given by Miami Dade Justice Association, May 20, 2011
49	5		"Award of Appreciation" given by Florida Public Service Association, May 19, 2011
50	5		"Thank You for Your Commitment to Improving the Lives of Individuals with Developmental Disabilities" given by Florida Developmental Disabilities Council, Inc., October 28, 2011
43	26		"Certificate of Appreciation" given by Martin County Bar Association, October 19, 2012
51	1		"Preserving Democracy for the Common Good" given by JTI, 2012
49	4		"Volunteers of the Year Finalist" given by *Tallahassee Democrat*, April 26, 2012
49	8		"Distinguished Guest Whom We are Pleased to Welcome to Our School" given by Lincoln-Martí School, October 9, 2012
50	2		"In Appreciation of Your Distinguished Public Service and Support of the St. Thomas Law Review and St. Thomas University School of Law" given by St. Thomas Law Review, April 12, 2013
51	5		"With Heartfelt Thanks to 'Heart of Giving' Celebration Co-Host" given by Legal Services of Greater Miami, Inc., May 16, 2013
49	11		"ABOTA's 2014 Teachers Law School" given by Miami-Dade School Board and the American Board of Trial Advocates, 2014

50	1		“In Appreciation for Being Our Featured Speaker” given by Weston Bar Association, January 30, 2015
50	8		“Justice Louis Brandeis Award” given by Dade County Bar Association, December 7, 2016
48	8		“The Manny Crespo Award” given by Miami Dade Trial Lawyers Association, February 27, 2016
50	4		“In Recognition of Your Professionalism, Integrity, and Dedication to the Rule of Law as a Florida Supreme Court Justice” given by American Board of Trial Advocates Central Florida Chapter, September 14, 2016
50	13		“In Appreciation for Your Service and Dedication to the Youth of Florida” given by Florida Public Service Association, n.d.
49	2		“Education for Democracy Award” given by Florida Law Related Education Association, Inc., n.d.
48	10		“In Gratitude for Your Love of Justice Teaching, Children and the Law” given by Judge John Phillips, Sheri L. Hazeltine, Esq., and Regina Brodsky, n.d.
48	4		“In Appreciation to Supreme Court Justice R. Fred Lewis” given by Seminole Take Stock in Children, n.d.