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The Florida National Organization for Women opposes Governor Crist's appointment of Charles T. Canady to the Florida Supreme Court. Those on the Supreme Court should be fair and balanced and without a personal agenda. Canady's past record indicates that he is anything but fair and balanced. He has fought against abortion, gay rights, and affirmative action. With that record, how can the citizenry believe that the Florida Supreme Court will fairly adjudicate on their behalf?

If the Governor's goal is to "only appoint the most highly qualified" applicants, he has failed to do so with Canady. Florida NOW President Jessica McCaffrey says "If Canady were his first choice among the eight males recommended for appointment by the nominating commission, perhaps Governor Crist should request that the nominating committee include a list of highly experienced and qualified female attorneys and judges."

The Governor will be appointing three more candidates to the Florida Supreme Court during his administration. Florida NOW urges Governor Crist to not only appoint the most "highly qualified candidates" but also to balance the court with the women's perspective.