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# Investiture

## Judge Reginald R. Corlew

The Investiture of Judge Reginald R. Corlew as a County Court Judge was held Friday, June 16, 2006. The ceremony opened with an invocation by Dr. C. L. Spivey, Lake Ida Church of Christ, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Matthew R Corlew, Judge Corlew's son.

Chief Judge Kathleen Kroll delivered the opening remarks and administered the Oath of Office.

The following distinguished guests presented remarks on behalf of Judge Corlew:

- Ricky L. Thomas, Sr.
- The Honorable Shelley Vana, Florida House of Representatives, District 85
- Willie E. Gary, Esquire
- Ronald R. Corlew



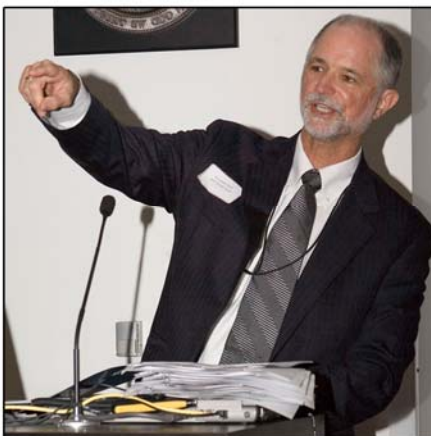
In an effort to promote greater communication between the media and the legal community, the Fifteenth Judicial Circuit hosted a workshop on court/media relations June 28, 2006. The workshop consisted of interactive exercises presented by the court, clerk and comptroller, civil/criminal bar, state attorney, public defender and the media. All local media organizations were invited to attend.

Topics included public records access, closed court proceedings, access to transcripts of bench conferences, cameras inside and outside the courtroom, and why judges cannot discuss pending cases.

## WORKSHOP ON COURT/MEDIA RELATIONS



**Chief Judge Kroll and Bill Rose,  
Palm Beach Post**



**John "Bart" Bartosek, Palm Beach  
Post speaking to participants**



**Judge Lucy Chernow  
Brown plays editor**

Representatives from a variety of organizations included Chief Judge Kathleen Kroll, Judge Peter Blanc, Judge Lucy Chernow Brown, Judge Timothy McCarthy, Clerk and Comptroller Sharon Bock, Michael Edmondson (State Attorney's Office), Maryann Rentala (Criminal Defense Bar), D. Culver Smith (Civil Bar), and John "Bart" Bartosek (Palm Beach Post). News media representatives included WPTV News Channel 5, WPEC News Channel 12, and the Sun Sentinel.

The workshop was considered successful, and the next workshop is scheduled September 21, 2006. For additional information contact Rick Hussey at 355-6398.

# NEWS

## Banner Training and Implementation

In order to better meet the needs of the Courts, Palm Beach County is working to provide an improved Justice Information System. Under the direction of the JIS Policy Board, the 15th Judicial Circuit, the Clerk & Comptroller, the State Attorney, the Public Defender, Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office, Palm Beach County ISS (Information System Services) and ACS {a private computer company} have been working together to develop an integrated justice information system. A critical phase of this project is fast approaching.

Prior to January 2002 all data was managed and stored on legacy systems for all divisions within the court system. Between January 2002 and May of 2003 the Juvenile, Circuit/County Civil, Probate and Family Divisions were moved from the legacy system to an integrated ACS Banner system.

Beginning 5:00 p.m., Friday, September 29th, 2006 until 5:00 a.m., Tuesday, October 9th, 2006 all data for the remaining divisions of Criminal and Traffic will be converted from the current mainframe technology to the Banner system and then integrated with the Civil divisions already housed in Banner.

There will be some interruption of normal service during the 11 day transition period. However, the courts will remain open during this transition phase.

For more detailed information, a copy of the transition schedule will be provided along with any updates via the internet at:  
<http://www.co.palm-beach.fl.us/cadmin>

## Belle Glade Courthouse Fresh New Look

The satellite courthouse in Belle Glade celebrated a dramatic new look in August with the unveiling of newly installed artwork featuring local themes by

artists Shanon Materio, Marilyn Ford, Trisha Davis & The McMow Art Glass team.

Colorful glass mosaics depicting the local climate, plants, wildlife and agriculture now wrap around exterior columns, greeting courthouse visitors with a sense of community pride. A concrete table and four surrounding benches depict Seminole Indian symbols, as do a snaking path of stepping stones.



Judge Nelson Bailey, who presides at the Belle Glade Courthouse, shared photographs from the August 19th celebration with the rest of the Court. He said, "It is really stunning and surprisingly appropriate artwork for this particular courthouse."

Members of the media were present as artist Shanon Materio and Art in Public Places Administrator Elayna Toby Singer joined community leaders in an official ribbon-cutting ceremony, accompanied by the Pahokee Middle-Senior High School Band and the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office Color Guard.

## Moot Court

Circuit Judge Jack H. Cook served as a member of a judge's panel in the moot court competition between Florida law schools at the annual Florida Bar Convention, held at the Boca Raton Hotel and Club. Law schools from throughout the state were each represented by one or more two-person teams who argued a mock criminal appeal based on a recent U.S. Supreme Court case concerning consensual searches of homes. Judge Cook participated in one of several three-judge panels who listened to the arguments, questioned the presenters and graded the presentations.



# Court Program News

## Law Library Additional Westlaw Features

Effective July 1, 2006 a new WESTLAW contract went into effect for court personnel users, which offers the following additional content:

- Florida Practice and Procedure
- Bill Regulation and Tracking
- 50 State Surveys
- Florida Legislative History
- PastStat Florida
- Graphical Statutes

For additional information please contact law library staff at 355-2928.

## Probate

Chief Judge Kroll created an Elder Law Committee to identify and expand resources available to the elder community. Members of the committee include Robert Bertisch, Esq. and Bonnie Cohen (Legal Aid Society), Max Beverly (Justice Services), Faye Hewitt (Elder Justice Center), Orfelio Mayor, Esq. (Clerk and Comptroller's Office), David Schwartz, Esq. (Florida Bar's Elder Law Committee), Michelle Spangenberg (Unified Family Court). The Committee met June 23, 2006, and determined that an experienced paralegal is needed to provide procedural guidance and referrals in civil matters to elder individuals. The Division of Justice Services has funded a paralegal position to work with the Elder Justice Center to provide consultation in areas including but not limited to the following:

- Landlord/Tenant
- Mortgage Foreclosure
- Real Property
- Consumer Rights
- Immigration

- Employment and Public Benefits (Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid, Unemployment Compensation)

The Committee is hopeful that the position will be filled within the next several months.

## Unified Family Court

The 15th Circuit's Social Service Coordinator Mary Hurm, LCSW, met with Family and Juvenile Judges as well as various community partners to determine the social service needs of Palm Beach County families from the court's perspective. She is compiling information about community resources and surveying other circuits nationally regarding social service components and best practices. Ms. Hurm is also surveying the needs of families who have cases before the Unified Family Court to identify gaps in service



**Chief Judge Kathleen J. Kroll addresses a UFC workgroup**

A consultant was hired to assist Ms. Hurm in identifying issues such as:

- how individuals come into the system
- community based resources
- how to access to resources
- systemic gaps, duplications and barriers
- best practices for social service models.
- process mapping

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## **Court Technology**

The 15th Judicial Circuit and Palm Beach County ISS are pleased to announce that public wireless access (WiFi) is now available at the South County Courthouse, 200 West Atlantic Ave, Delray Beach. Wireless (Internet) service is available in most areas of the courthouse, providing access to Internet-based applications such as email, Westlaw and LexisNexis.

Wireless access has been available in most areas of the Main Judicial Center since 2005. Future plans for wireless access include North County and West County Courthouse annexes.

For more information please contact Glenn Reed (355-4359), Noel Chessman (355-4406) or Les Davis (355-6245).

## **Digital Recording Expanding**

Court Reporting Services and the Court Technology Department are in the process of upgrading all County Criminal, Circuit Criminal and Juvenile divisions with the latest digital recording software and hardware. The Circuit has contracted with For The Record (FTR) Digital Recording Solutions to provide upgraded digital recording that will include video cameras.

This enhancement is in compliance with the Office of the State Court Administrator's (OSCA) requirement that all digital recording systems throughout the State be capable of capturing video as well as audio in all courtrooms where this technology is provided.



***Technology and Court Reporting staff review plans***

The upgrade is being implemented in three phases. The first phase is underway. Felony divisions at

the Main Judicial Center have been completed, with video cameras being monitored from the central recording studio on the 5th floor.



The satellite courthouses will be addressed in phases two and three, with South County Courthouse being the final installation. The entire project is scheduled for completion by September 30, 2006, at which time audio copies of proceedings for all criminal divisions will be available for purchase.

This upgrade will bring the 15th Judicial Circuit to the highest level of technology available in digital court reporting.

The new FTR software can be provided to court personnel by calling Glenn Reed (355-4359) or Noel Chessman (355-4406) at the Court Technology Office. If you have any further questions or concerns, please contact Rick Hussey (355-6398) or Les Davis (355-6245).



# PERSONNEL

## Barbara Danley-Crenshaw Retires - 20 Years with the Courts

A reception was held on July 7th to honor Barbara Danley-Crenshaw's retirement from the Administrative Office of the Court. In a farewell email, she told fellow personnel, "It seems like yesterday that I started with the Guardian Ad Litem program in the old Juvenile Courthouse for \$4.00 an hour – but it has been 20 years."

Mary Jaffe has assumed the responsibilities of processing travel reimbursements, traffic magistrate payments, expert witness payments, court-appointed counsel and staffing the indigent services committee. Ms. Jaffe can be reached at 355-1540.

## Timesheet/Payroll Reminders

All state employees have been reminded to follow proper reporting procedures when completing timesheets. Blank timesheets can be obtained at [www.flcourts.org](http://www.flcourts.org). Samples for properly preparing timesheets are available by emailing Letitia McDonald at [LMCDONAL@co.palm-beach.fl.us](mailto:LMCDONAL@co.palm-beach.fl.us).

**Don't forget** to check your Payroll Statement each month to verify that all information is correct. Make sure they are taking deductions for benefits, etc.

The Website to view your statement is: <https://flair.dbf.state.fl.us>. Follow the directions to log on as an employee. Please notify Letitia McDonald immediately if there is an error on your statement.

## New Hires

Crystal Michelle Causey  
Senior Secretary  
Unified Family Court  
6/19/06

Janice M. Cirocco  
Digital Court Reporter  
Court Reporting  
6/1/06

Celia Digiaccinto  
Court Interpreter  
Court Interpreting  
6/19/06

Sandra Nelson  
Legal Secretary  
Court Administration  
6/1/06

Rosalie Sampson  
Administrative Secretary  
Magistrate's Division  
5/15/06

Robin Robinson  
Circuit Judicial Assistant  
for Judge Gary Vonhof  
5/9/06

Valerie Rhaburn County  
Judicial Assistant  
Judge Reginald Corlew  
5/10/06

Devon Heath  
Circuit Judicial Assistant  
Judge Diana Lewis  
5/1/06

Marie Murphy  
County Judicial Assistant  
Judge Paul Damico  
5/15/06

Ashley Cross-Rappaport  
Trial Court Law Clerk  
5/22/06

Guillermo Moreno  
Circuit/Family Mediator  
6/1/06

Michelle Friedman  
Trial Court Law Clerk

Celia Digiaccinto  
Court Interpreter  
6/19/06

Aaron Pierce  
Court Program Specialist I  
7/10/06

Stephanie Gorman  
Trial Court Law Clerk  
7/17/06

Julia Wyda  
Trial Court Law Clerk  
7/31/06

Andrea Alpern  
Circuit/Family Mediator  
8/1/06

Judith Lane  
Circuit Judicial Assistant  
8/1/06

Linda Goodman  
Electronic Transcriber  
8/18/06

Pamela White  
Trial Court Law Clerk  
9/18/06

Maxine Williams  
Hearing Officer  
10/3/06

Thomas Baker  
Hearing Officer  
10/23/06

Giev Askari  
Trial Court Law Clerk  
9/25/06

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## Separations

Phil Barocas  
Secretary Specialist  
Court Administration  
6/1/06

Vernisa Ayers  
Administrative Assistant II  
Judicial Reviews  
6/16/06

Doreen Bonadies  
Mediator-Circuit/Family  
7/28/06

Judene Cass  
Electronic Transcriber  
4/26/06

Barbara Danley-Crenshaw  
Account I  
Court Administration  
6/30/06

Denise Nagle  
Senior Secretary  
Court Admin.  
5/19/06

Shannon Ramsey-Chessman  
Administrative Services Manager  
Court Admin.  
6/1/06

William Alexander  
Unified Family Court  
6/15/06

Paula Canedo-White  
7/14/06

Albert Rappoport  
7/14/06

Doreen Bonadies  
8/2/06

Maryanne Figur  
8/3/06

## Enrollment State Group Insurance Program

The Open Enrollment for the State Group Insurance Program 2007 Plan Year will take place from 8:30 AM, September 19, 2006 through 5:30 PM, October 18, 2006.

Employee Benefit Statements will be mailed to employee home addresses beginning September 5, 2006. The People First Service Center will be available to respond to inquiries regarding Open Enrollment on September 12, 2006. The Service Center staff will be able to provide information and assistance in preparation for Open Enrollment at that time. They will not be available to accept Open Enrollment elections or changes until September 19, 2006.

Beginning September 19, 2006 employees will have four ways to enroll in, change, or cancel their benefit elections through the People First Service Center.

**Online enrollment** — You can access the online system at <https://peoplefirst.myflorida.com>.

**Interactive Voice Response (IVR)** — You can access the IVR by calling 1-866-ONEHRFL (1-866-663-4735) 24 hours. If required to exit the system in order to speak with a Specialist, please be aware that such representatives are only available during the Service Center hours of operation specified below.

**Service Center** — You can speak with a Service Center Specialist by calling 1-866-ONEHRFL (1-866-663-4735), Monday through Friday, 8:30 AM — 5:30 PM.

**Paper Enrollment Forms** — You can request forms from a Service Center Specialist by calling 1-866-ONEHRFL (1-866-663-4735) or access enrollment forms online.

As in years past, Benefit Confirmation Statements will be mailed to all who made election changes. Individuals will have until 5:30 PM, Eastern Time, Thursday, November 2, 2006 to make corrections to those Confirmation Statements.

If you have questions or need further assistance, please contact Letitia McDonald @ 355-1847

Jeannie Hoban  
8/31/06

Christopher DeLorenzo  
8/31/06

Michelle Friedman  
9/8/06

Stephanie Gorman  
9/22/06

## Promotion

Paula Carvajal  
Administrative Assistant II  
6/19/06



# TRAINING

The Training Department is now a part of the Palm Beach County Training Collaborative (PBCTC). Many agencies such as Children's Services Council, Palm Beach Community College, City of West Palm Beach, Palm Beach County, Department of Health, Department of Children & Families, American Red Cross, and the Legal Aid Society have collaborated on training issues. The goal of the Collaborative is to share resources and avoid duplication in training. Future projects may include a master calendar of countywide professional development opportunities and a website for training registration and member agency information.

The following is a list of the trainings offered for the first half of 2006 with numbers of participants.

<b>Date Held</b>	<b>Topic Presented</b>	<b>Presenter(s)</b>	<b>Participants</b>
01/09/06	Dependency/ Delinquency	Jeanne Howard, ASA	19
01/12/06	Dissolution / Paternity	Magistrate Diane Kirigin	16
01/13/06	CJIS / FCIC	Beverly Pottinger-Howell(FDLE)	11
01/19/06	* Unified Family Court (UFC) Kickoff	Supreme Court Justice Barbara Pariente	41
02/27/06	211 Centerline	Meredith Hughes	12
02/28/06	Floor Coordinator's Training	Tim Sipe	21
03/16/06	Post-Judgment Issues	Magistrate Diane Kirigin	13
04/08/06	Managing Your Group Wise Account	Glenn Reed	20
04/27/06	* Take Your Daughters and Sons To Work Day	Jeannie Hoban, Anthony LoBianco, Jana Gillette	175
04/28/06	Fair Housing Symposium	PB Co. Office of Equal Opportunity	2
05/17/06	* Employee Recognition Day	Judge Kathleen Kroll	75
05/31/06	Florida Retirement System	Dan Grable, DMS	Unk
06/01/06	Estate Planning	Dan Grable, DMS	Unk
06/08/06	UPL – Giving Information Without Giving Legal Advice	Janet Morgan, Esq., Judge Peter Blanc, Magistrate Diane Kirigin	Unk
06/14/06	Advanced Directives	Marnie Poncy, RN, Esq.	6
06/20/06	Group Wise (2 <sup>nd</sup> class)	Glenn Reed	11

\* Denotes Staff Development Activity / Non-Training

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Several training sessions have been run for Word and Excel software, quickly filling to capacity with each offering. Training sessions announced for the fall include: Communicating for Your Best Life, Escape From the Box, Retirement Benefits Seminar, Close Encounters, Team Building, EEO-Sexual Harassment, and FMLA and ADA Training.

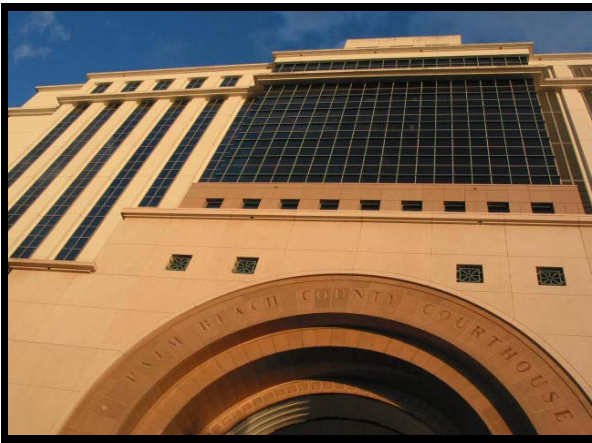
## **Emergency Preparedness Training**

Palm Beach County Risk Management's Tim Sipe conducted a second round of Emergency Floor Coordinator's training late July and early August, with a general training for all courthouse staff to be announced.

## **UP COMING EVENTS**

### **First Appearance Seminar**

The Judicial Education Training Program will begin with a First Appearance Seminar on Friday, September 29th at noon in the Judicial Dining Room. Judges should RSVP to Debra Oats-Ducram (355-4495).



### **Palm Beach County Legislative Delegation**

On Monday, October 16th, the 15th Judicial Circuit will be hosting a program with the Palm Beach County Legislative Delegation at the Gun Club facility. It will include a luncheon for all judges with the legislators.

The event will include a coffee reception, followed by First Appearances (Judge Ciklin), Juvenile Detention Shelter Hearings (Judge Alvarez), Small Claims Pre-Trial Hearings (Judge Johnson) and Domestic Violence Injunction Hearings (Judge Cook). Lunch will be held from 11:30 to 1:30, with an opportunity for questions and commentary. All judges are invited to attend. If you can't attend the entire session, please join us for lunch.



# General Interest

## Remote Pre-trial Traffic Infraction Hearing Schedule

South County Civic Center:

9/11/06  
10/16/06  
12/4/06  
1/8/07

Wellington Community Center:

8/30/06  
10/11/06  
11/22/06  
1/10/07

## Amended Administrative Orders

2.003 Alternate Assignments (6/06)

2.031 Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990  
(6/06; amended again 8/06)

2.070 Appointment of Circuit Judge as Acting  
County Judge / Appointment of County Judge as  
Acting Circuit Judge (7/06)

7.006 Assignment of Delinquency & Depend-  
ency Case (7/06)

6-12.084 (8/06) Extension of time for payment of  
fees, fines & court costs until August 31st, 2006  
due to Tropical Storm Ernest.



## This Is Your Newsletter

This is your Newsletter. We need everyone's help with submissions and articles of interest to the court. Please send your news, photos or upcoming events via Groupwise to Robin Shepett. Or even easier, just copy Robin on any news you are sharing with your colleagues.

With your input, we will look forward to developing an interesting and informative Newsletter.

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