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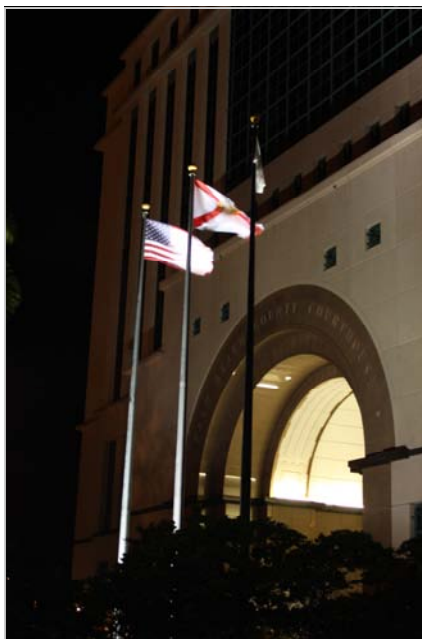
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On September 14, 2010, **Chief Judge Peter Blanc** and members of the Fifteenth Judicial Circuit judiciary, Court staff, and members of the Palm Beach County Bar honored **Judge Edward Garrison** in a "transition ceremony," marking the change to his role as a Senior Judge, after 30 years on the bench.

Judge Garrison was surprised by a visit from his former judicial assistant, Rita O'Malley, who worked with the judge from the time he took the bench in January, 1981 until May, 2005.

Judge Garrison's formal portrait, which was presented to him at this event, will hang in the law library at the Main Judicial Center.



(l-r): Rita O'Malley, Judge Edward Garrison, and Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office Court Deputy Barbara Olsen.

GOVERNOR CHARLIE CRIST APPOINTS JUDGE JAMES MARTZ, II TO THE FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COURT

September 14, 2010

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TALLAHASSEE – Governor Charlie Crist today announced the appointment of Judge James Martz II to the Fifteenth Judicial Circuit Court.

“Judge Martz’s experience as a law enforcement officer has given him an advantageous legal perspective, which has allowed him to serve the people of Palm Beach County impartially and fairly,” said Governor Crist. “I am confident he will continue to demonstrate an ethical and honest commitment to public service.”



Judge Martz, 53, of Delray Beach, has been a Palm Beach County Court Judge since 2006. Previously, he was an assistant state attorney at the Palm Beach State Attorney’s Office from 1995 to 1996, and from 1997 to 2006, and was managing partner of Martz-Curie, PA from 1996 to 1997. Before receiving his law degree, Judge Martz served as a law enforcement officer in Clarkstown, New York, from 1979 to 1992, and Santa Monica, California, from 1977 to 1979. Judge Martz earned his bachelor’s degree from Empire State College in New York and his law degree from Nova Southeastern Law School.

Judge Martz will fill the vacancy created by the retirement of Judge Edward A. Garrison.

Judicial Election Results for Palm Beach County

Lisa Small was elected to fill the Circuit Court vacancy that will be created by the upcoming retirement of **Judge Kenneth Stern** in January, 2011. Ms. Small’s investiture ceremony will be held in February, 2011.

The successor to the County Court seat currently held by **Judge Paul Moyle** will be determined in a run-off election between **Laurie Cohen** and **Marni Bryson**, in November, 2010 .

PALM BEACH COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION HONORS JUDGES EDWARD GARRISON, PAUL MOYLE AND KENNETH STERN

On Friday, September 17, 2010, the Palm Beach County Bar Association held a luncheon to honor the service of three distinguished Judges who retired or will retire this year.

Judge Edward Garrison, who retired June 30, 2010; **Judges Paul Moyle** and **Kenneth Stern** who will retire on December 31, 2010, and January 3, 2011, respectively, were joined by many colleagues on special this occasion .



l-r: Palm Beach County Bar President Michael Napoleone, Judges Moyle, Garrison, Stern.



Judge James Martz, who was recently elevated to Circuit Court, **Judge David French**, and **Judge Jeffrey Colbath** were asked to say a few words about their retiring colleagues.

The retirement of Judge Garrison leaves a huge void in leadership and experience after 26 years of service in all divisions of both County Court and Circuit Court.

Judge David French

“Judge Stern is the epitome of a judicial Image: intelligent, passionate, considerate and ethical beyond reproach. He will be sorely missed!”

Judge James Martz

“If all lawyers practiced law with the same ethics and professionalism as Paul Moyle, we wouldn’t need judges”.

Judge Jeffrey Colbath

CIRCUIT JUDGES' CONFERENCE

On July 28, 2010, **Judge Peter Evans, Judge John Phillips** and Court Technology Officer **Noel Chessman** spoke at the Circuit Judges' Conference in Marco Island, FL.

The presentation was entitled, "Tweets & Twitters: Trouble in the Courtroom," and was created to instruct judges on the capabilities of this networking site, along with its involvement in emerging court cases. In addition, ethical considerations and recent ethical opinions addressing a judge's use of social networking were discussed.

Several Circuit Judges from the Fifteenth attended the Conference, including:

Chief Judge Peter Blanc, Judges Catherine Brunson, Martin Colin, David Crow, John Phillips, Richard Oftedal, John Kastrenakes, Lucy Chernow Brown, Meenu Sasser, Timothy McCarthy, Karen Martin, Moses Baker, Glenn Kelley, Ronald Alvarez, and Don Hafele; also in attendance were **Senior Judge Roger Colton** and Trial Court Administrator **Barbara Dawicke**.



Chief Technology Officer Noel Chessman, and Judges Peter Evans and John Phillips.

DIVISIONAL REASSIGNMENTS

Effective August 30, 2010, **Judge Meenu Sasser's** assignment was modified to include Circuit Civil Division "AI" in addition to foreclosure Division "AW." Uniform Motion Calendar (UMC) hearings will be conducted by Judge Sasser in Courtroom 9D on Monday and Tuesday for Division AW; on Wednesday and Thursday for Division AI. UMC hearings will also be handled by **Judge Jack Cook** in Courtroom 4B on Wednesday and Thursday, and by Senior **Judge Edward Garrison** in Courtroom 4A Monday through Thursday.

Judge David Crow will conduct UMC hearings for Division AI in Courtroom 9C on Mondays and Tuesdays., until the end of October, 2010.

Further information on scheduling hearings in Divisions AI and AW can be found at www.15thcircuit.com.

On November 1, 2010, **Judge John Hoy** will assume the docket in Division "AW."

Until further notice, **Judge James Martz** will remain in his current division in South County.

IN THE COMMUNITY—JUDICIAL LUNCHEON SERIES

On September 8, 2010, the Palm Beach County Bar Association seminar in the “Judicial Luncheon Series” entitled “Voir Dire” included as panel members **Judges Lucy Brown, David Crow and David French.**



Panel I-r: Judge David French, Judge David Crow, Judge Lucy Brown. Moderator: Lawrence Brownstein, PLLC.

IN THE COMMUNITY— COURT ADMINISTRATION

Krista Garber, Chief Deputy Court Administrator, and **Letitia Warren**, Personnel Management Analyst, were invited to speak to the graduating class of Keiser University’s Criminal Justice Program.



Letitia Warren

The topic requested by the students was, “Writing Effective Job Applications.”

The presentation focused on the correct format for business correspondence and common errors, along with examples of “Do’s & Don’ts” at various stages in the job application process.



Krista Garber

On August 17, 2010, Law Library Manager **Linda Sims** was invited to participate as guest speaker at the Southeast Florida Library Information Network (SEFLIN) seminar titled, “Legal Information and Resources for Librarians.”

This seminar was initiated by a national team of librarians along with the National Center for State Courts and the Self-Represented Litigation Network, with funding supplied from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation.



Linda Sims

Mary Quinlan, Mental Health Operations Manager, presented the Fifteenth Circuit’s Mental Health Specialty Division at the 3rd Annual Reinvestment Conference, in Orlando, July 15-16, 2010. The theme of the conference was, “Transforming Criminal Justice through Prevention and Recovery.”



Mary Quinlan

Ms. Quinlan sat on a panel for the presentation entitled, “Mental Health Courts: Competency Dockets and Probation,” with **John Petrila, J.D., Judges Mark Speiser and Cynthia Cox.**

The southeast seminar was held at Nova Southeastern University Sherman Library.

GUILLERMO (BILL) MORENO NAMED ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION DIRECTOR

On August 23, 2010, **Guillermo (Bill) Moreno** was chosen as Director of the Circuit's Alternative Dispute Resolution program.

Bill has served as a staff mediator for the Fifteenth Judicial Circuit since 2006. Prior to relocating to Palm Beach County, he mediated in the Eleventh Judicial Circuit in Miami from 1986 to 2006. He holds a Bachelor of Arts from Princeton University.

He has earned mediation certifications from the Supreme Court of Florida in the areas of Family, Dependency, Circuit Civil, and County mediation. He also holds Federal Court Certification as a Spanish Interpreter.

For the past ten years, Mr. Moreno has served on the Supreme Court of Florida Mediator Qualifications Board. In that role, he and the other committee members address mediation certification issues that arise statewide.

Mr. Moreno's office is located in the Mediation Office, on the sixth floor of the Main Courthouse. He can be reached by telephone at 561-355-4513.



MEDIATOR TRAINING UPDATE

Magistrate Diane Kirigin created a training program for staff mediators and family court case managers that was presented on the afternoon of August 20, 2010.

Subsequent to recent revisions in the laws pertaining to child support calculations and payment enforcement, Magistrate Kirigin's legislative update covered changes that will become effective on July 1, 2010, October 1, 2010 and January 1, 2011.

Danni Hoefling, outgoing ADR interim director, who was in attendance, commented that the training session was informative and lively. "It contained information that will be essential in facilitating agreements and preparing child support documents and we look forward to future sessions with Magistrate Kirigin."



Magistrate Diane Kirigin

UNIFIED FAMILY COURT

DEPENDENCY SUMMIT 2010

The Florida Department of Children and Families hosted the annual statewide 2010 Dependency Summit “Supporting Families to Nurture Children.” The summit took place August 24 - 26, 2010, at the J. W. Marriott in Orlando. It was a rewarding opportunity for child welfare professionals throughout the state to share best practices and continue the advancement of child welfare practice in Florida. At the Summit, child protective investigators, community-based care administration and case management staff, along with judges, general magistrates, court personnel, attorneys, law enforcement, medical and mental healthcare providers and child advocates joined together to benefit from increased coordination, communication and creativity among their fields.

Representation from Palm Beach County, included: Department of Children and Families Regional Director **Perry Borman**, Child & Family Connections Chief Executive Officer **Judith Warren** and Chief Operating Officer **Judith Karim**, Children’s Legal Services Managing Attorney **Andrea Tulloch**, and Guardian ad Litem Director **Cicely Roberts**, in addition to many other child-welfare professionals.

Representing the Judiciary and Court Administration were: **Judge Ronald Alvarez**, **Judge Moses Baker**, **Magistrate Judette Fanelli**, **Cristy Altaro**, **Kathy Sanchez** and **Tara Kranz**.



Judge Alvarez



Judge Baker

DRUG COURT

On Thursday, September 30, 2010, twelve more graduates were honored at the Drug Court Graduation Ceremony. **Judge Krista Marx** presided over the event, which was attended by **Court Administrator Barbara Dawicke** and several directors of Court Administration programs.



Judge Krista Marx presides over the Drug Court Graduation Ceremony.



Court staff in attendance.

JUVENILE COURT

On September 2, 2010, the Office of the State Courts Administrator (OSCA) sponsored a statewide distance learning workshop entitled, “**Understanding and Motivating Today’s Youth in the Juvenile Justice System.**” Locally, Court Administration hosted the training event, designed for judges, court personnel and all community partners working with youth in the juvenile justice system. The seminar was well received and included topics such as: an introduction to hip-hop music and the lyrical content it communicates about crime, violence and degradation to our youth, female adolescent issues and deadly games children play.

The trainers, **Marc Fomby** and **Sharon Sims**, with FTC Prevention Services, were very informative and stimulating.

In attendance were **Judge Ronald Alvarez**, **Cristy Altaro**, **Will Hutchings**, **Jacquie Marshburn**, with representatives of the following agencies: Office of the Public Defender, Office of the State Attorney, Palm Beach County Justice Services, Department of Juvenile Justice, Parent Child Center, and the Drug Abuse Treatment Association.



Participants view the distance learning program on juvenile justice, presented by OSCA.

DELINQUENCY DRUG COURT GRADUATION

On August 18, 2010, Delinquency Drug Court held its third graduation. Participants, family members, advocates, Drug Court Team members, and community members were present to celebrate this great accomplishment in the lives of the program participants. Judge Alvarez provided an overview of the youth’s status prior to entering, as well as their progress throughout the program, and reminded the youths of how far they had come.

The graduates were presented with a certificate of completion and invited to the Bench to reflect on their experience and offer any comments to the team and/or their family members.

Team members expressed their congratulations to the graduates, who had worked so hard to become drug-free. Subsequent to the Drug Court hearings, refreshments were served.

Congratulations to **Judge Ronald Alvarez** and the Drug Court Team for their efforts and dedication in making this program a success.

For additional information, please contact Cristy Altaro at (561) 355-6586.



Participants and observers fill the courtroom for the third Delinquency Drug Court graduation.



Judge Ronald Alvarez, with Delinquency Drug Court graduate.

CRIMINAL COURT PROGRAM

VETERANS DOCKET

Chief Judge Peter Blanc formed a Committee consisting of various stakeholders to meet and discuss implementing a veteran's docket for the Fifteenth Judicial Circuit. This committee has been meeting over the past several months. The Committee researched other veteran courts across the Country, and came across a nationally-recognized Court in Buffalo, New York. The Buffalo model assisted the Committee as they began discussing how to structure a veteran's docket in Palm Beach County.

Similar to many successful drug courts across the country, the veteran's docket will not only provide much-needed assistance to veterans at no additional cost to Palm Beach County, but will also address root causes of veteran crimes, thereby reducing recidivism. The Veteran Coordinator, funded by the Veteran's

Association, will help identify veterans coming through the system and will utilize evaluations and a computer to screen veterans, and identify needs and appropriate VA resources to put a plan in place for veterans to address existing problems and allow them to become valued crime free citizens. **Judge Ted Booras**, a veteran himself, has volunteered to find time on his existing docket to run the veteran's docket.

Veterans are more willing to listen to and consider the input and guidance of other veterans than they are to honor an order of the court. In that vein, a critical component is the Volunteer Mentor Program made up entirely of veteran volunteers that strongly believe in the credo that no one is left behind. Right now the



Judge Ted Booras

Committee is working with the American Legion and Stand Down to provide training and coordination for this team of volunteers.

The goal is to implement the veteran's docket by the end of this year. Meetings occur on a regular basis as the Committee continues to plan for Court Operations.

COUNTY CRIMINAL

Stakeholders met to discuss how best to tackle the high volume of pending County Criminal D.U.S. (Driving Under Suspension) cases. It was agreed that a special docket should be created. As such, the State Attorney and Defense Bar have agreed to review each case prior to the cases being scheduled for hearing.

Judge August Bonavita will be holding the first docket on September 14, 2010. The defendant's presence is completely voluntary and no FTA (Failure to Appear) warrants will issue if the defendant does not attend. The goal is to dispose of as many cases as possible, in an effort to reduce the already overburdened case disposition docket.



Judge August Bonavita

For more information, please contact Criminal Court Operations Manager Michelle Spangenberg at (561) 355-6396.

TRIAL COURT LAW CLERKS

On August 10, 2010 **Luisa Honora Berti** and **Matthew Ocksrider** joined the circuit as Trial Court Law Clerks.

Luisa graduated Phi Beta Kappa from Penn State University where she double majored in English and Women's Studies and minored in International Studies.



After college, Luisa worked as a legal assistant for Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom in Washington, D.C. Luisa attended law school at Catholic University in Washington, D.C. where she was an Article Editor on the *Journal of Communications Law and Policy*. During law school, she was a law clerk at the Humane Society of the United States, a legal intern with Mike Powers, Sports Agent in Baltimore as well as a legal intern with Sports Management Group Worldwide in Fairfax, Virginia.

Matt graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Information Technology from University of Central Florida where he also minored in Criminal Justice and Business Administration. He also received a master's in liberal studies with a certificate in Computer Forensics from UCF. Matt attended law school



at the University of Florida where he graduated *cum laude*, was the editor-in-chief on the *Journal of Technology Law & Policy*, a teaching assistant for Legal Research and Writing as well as a teaching assistant for Appellate Advocacy. Matt's Note "Patentability of Computer Software and Business Methods Post *Bilski*: A New Hope" was published at 14 *Journal of Technology Law & Policy* 177 (2009). Prior to joining the circuit, Matt worked at American Document Management in Fort Lauderdale where he provided client support as part of the Forensics/Electronic Discovery team.

JUDICIAL INTERNS

The Summer 2010 Judicial Interns ended their volunteer terms in early August. Before heading back to school, they continued watching civil and criminal trials, attended Delinquency Drug Court and attended a "lunch and learn" with **Supreme Court Justice Barbara Pariente** and Fourth District Court of Appeal **Judge Gary Farmer**.

The interns also assisted four of the circuit civil judges with a case management project identifying cases that had no activity within the past ten months, cases where service was not obtained within 120 days from the filing of the complaint and cases where the parties did not provide notice to the Clerk's Office that the case had been dismissed. The interns continued working on appellate bench memos, post conviction motions and researching a variety of legal issues. Applications for Summer 2011 will begin in January, 2011.

For more information about the Trial Court Law Clerks and Summer Judicial Interns go to www.15thcircuit.com/web/guest/trialcourtlawclerks

RED LIGHT CAMERA LAW

On July 1, 2010, Florida Statute 316.0083, commonly known as the **red light camera law**, became effective. In Palm Beach County, several municipalities have made plans to install cameras in their towns. The City of West Palm Beach has already installed cameras and began issuing citations for violations in early September. Boynton Beach, Palm Springs, Boca Raton, Juno Beach, and unincorporated areas of Palm Beach County are also in the process of installing cameras.

Under the new law, a vehicle that fails to stop at a red light will be captured on video. The law enforcement agency will have their traffic infraction enforcement officer review the video to determine whether a violation has occurred. Once that determination has been made, a notice of violation will be mailed to the registered owner of the vehicle, who may not necessarily have been the driver of the vehicle. If there is more than one registered owner of the vehicle, the notice will be sent to the first name listed on the registration. The notice of violation will contain a website link where a video recording of the alleged violation may be viewed. A notice of violation may not be issued for failure to stop at a red light if the driver is making a right-hand turn in a careful and prudent manner at an intersection where right turns are permissible.

The owner has thirty days to either pay the penalty (\$158.00), or file an affidavit alleging that the vehicle passed through the intersection in order to yield the right-of-way to an emergency vehicle or as part of a funeral procession; the vehicle passed through the intersection at the direction of a law enforcement officer; the vehicle was, at the time of the violation, in the care, custody, or control of another person; or the driver of the vehicle was issued a citation for traveling through the red light. If the owner files an affidavit stating that he/she was not the driver of the vehicle at the time of the alleged violation, the affidavit must also include the name, address, date of birth, and, if known, the driver's license number of the person who had care, custody, or control of the vehicle at the time of the violation. If the vehicle was stolen at the time of the violation, the affidavit must include a copy of the police report indicating that the vehicle was stolen at the time.

If the owner of the vehicle files an affidavit alleging that someone else had the care, custody, or control of the vehicle at the time of the violation, the law enforcement agency may then issue a traffic citation against the person named in the affidavit, and the affidavit can be used in court as evidence against the named driver.

If the owner elects to pay the penalty of \$158, he/she will not be assessed points nor be convicted, and there will be

no notation on the defendant's driving record that he/she ever received a notice of violation. This is true, regardless of the number of violation notices that may be received and paid by the individual. Pursuant to this new law, the \$158 is distributed as follows: \$75 is distributed to the county or municipality where the violation occurred, \$70 for deposit into the General Revenue Fund, \$10 for the Department of Health Administrative Trust Fund, and \$3 for the Brain and Spinal Cord Injury Trust Fund.

If the owner of the vehicle does not file an affidavit or pay the \$158 penalty within the thirty days, the law enforcement agency will issue a citation to the registered owner of the vehicle. The citation is to be sent to the owner by certified mail. Once a citation is issued, the owner of the vehicle has thirty days to either enter a plea of not guilty and elect a court hearing or pay the penalty. Once the citation is issued, the penalty is no longer \$158, but instead increases to \$264 if it is paid out without a hearing. If neither action is taken within thirty days of issuance of the citation, a D-6 will issue, effectively suspending the owner's driver's license until such time as the requisite fees are paid. If the owner of the vehicle elects to pay the \$264, unlike with the violation notice, the fact that the owner received and paid out a red light camera citation will be noted on the defendant's driving record, although it will not be deemed a conviction, nor carry any points.

If the owner timely enters a plea of not guilty, the case will be scheduled for a trial on a special red light camera court docket. At the trial, the law enforcement officer will be required to produce the video of the alleged violation to show to the court. Because of the unique technological needs these cases require, these red light camera dockets will initially be held in courtroom 2D in the central courthouse in West Palm Beach. As other municipalities begin to install red light cameras and issue citations for violations, the branch courts may begin to schedule these types of hearings, as well. At the conclusion of the trial, if the defendant is found guilty, the court may impose a penalty as high as \$500 plus an additional \$106 in costs; however, no school may be imposed, nor will it carry a conviction or points.

Because this is a newly enacted law, it is too early to tell how many people will elect to pay out at the notice of violation stage versus having citations issued against them and then further determining how many of those people elect to pay out the citation or request a court hearing, and thus, the impact on our current court system cannot yet be assessed.

FORECLOSURE TEAM

Beginning July 1, 2010, the Legislature appropriated funds for the State Courts System for a “Foreclosure Economic Recovery Initiative” program, to address the foreclosure case backlog, statewide.

The funding allows the circuits the ability to hire Senior Judges and contractual case managers and assistants specifically for the purpose of addressing the foreclosure case backlog.

The Clerks of Court were also provided dollars from the State Court Trust Fund to hire staff to process the foreclosure documents. In the Fifteenth Circuit, under the direction of **Judge Meenu Sasser**, contractual staff were hired to assist the sitting judges and senior judges who are handling the foreclosure cases. They also assist the judges with case management procedures aimed at identifying

backlogged foreclosure cases and ensure that cases closed for Summary Judgment are accurately monitored.



l-r: Chris Sotillo, Angela Hildenbrand, Spencer Keyser, Carol Serpa, Lisa Marchitto, Dinah Paradon, Janny Phillips, David Henderson.

LEGAL SYSTEM ACCESS FOR PERSONS WITH HEARING LOSS

Clay Walker, Chief of Police for Manalapan, was guest speaker at the Main Courthouse on Thursday, September 16, 2010, as he presented a training workshop compiled in conjunction with the Florida Coordinating Council for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing.

The workshop provided comprehensive material to assist court staff in effectively communicating with citizens who are deaf, hard of hearing, late-deafened, or deaf-blind and in understanding provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

Krista Garber, Chief Deputy Court Administrator and **Mary Ellen Feinberg**, Volunteer Coordinator, also presented material on the Court’s ADA services.



Clay Walker, Chief of Police , Manalapan .

OPEN ENROLLMENT

Open Enrollment, the annual period during which State employees may elect changes to their benefits coverage, began for State employees on September 27, 2010 and will extend through October 22, 2010.

While some years bring few or no changes to benefit options, this year medical plan providers will incorporate revisions from the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act. To assist staff in making benefit selections, **Krista Garber** and **Letitia Warren** will hold a series of information sessions scheduled as follows:

- North County—Oct 13 (judges) and Oct 15 (staff)
- South County—Oct 19 and Oct 21
- Criminal Justice Complex—Oct 19
- Main Courthouse—Oct 18 (judges), Oct 18 (staff), and Oct 20

In addition, representatives from Capital Insurance will visit the Main, Gun Club and South County Courthouses.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

Employees designated as floor coordinators, who assist in the event of an emergency evacuation of the Main Courthouse, received training on August 27, 2010. During an evacuation for fire or other threat, floor coordinators, identifiable by red caps, ensure that all staff assemble at a designated staging area, then completes a roll call and reports attendance to PBSO. Training is continuing for staff on each floor of the Main Courthouse throughout the fall.



Law Clerks Jeremy Dicker and Santo DiGangi.

COURTHOUSE TOURS

Right::

The Gilder-Lehrman History and Law Academy from Spanish River High School, escorted by volunteer tour guide Gordon Cohen and teacher Mike Bartholomew.



Left::

Pahokee Pals, a summer camp group consisting of third graders from the western area of Palm beach County, enjoyed a trip to the Courthouse on August ,2010.

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

KAITLIN CUPP

Kaitlin Cupp served as a volunteer in the Criminal Department over the course of the Summer Months.

Ms. Cupp assisted with reviewing County Criminal files in a pending status that were several years old. She identified many cases that need to be closed for statistical reporting purposes. The Case Managers found Ms. Cupp to be very helpful and appreciated all of her help.



DONOVAN PITTERSON

With a background in accounting, Donovan began his volunteer duties by assisting to compile financial spreadsheets. He then transferred to Witness Management, where, as a notary, he was able to swear in people arriving to give depositions. Donovan is now a member of the foreclosure case management temporary staff.



ELIZABETH (LIZ) SANDS

Elizabeth Sands is a newcomer to Palm Beach County. A native New Yorker, Liz went to the Hewitt School for girls and is now enrolled in Palm Beach Atlantic University in its pre-law program.

Married and the mother of two girls, she will go on to get her J.D. and hopes to practice family law. Elizabeth assists Court Administration by responding to calls on the court's Americans with Disabilities line two days each week.



BEN WOLF

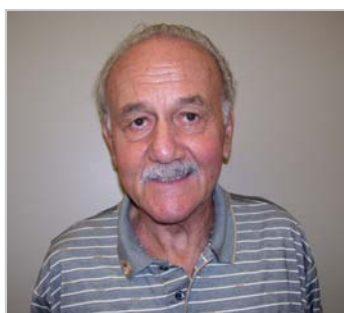
Ben Wolf is a second generation volunteer! His grandfather, Sherman Schacter, suggested he spend the summer before law school volunteering at the Delray Beach courthouse. Mr. Schacter is himself a long-standing volunteer at the Delray Information desk. Ben provided administrative support for Magistrates Kirigin and Williams, and also assisted with South County traffic court proceedings.



Volunteers do not necessarily have the time; they just have the heart.—Elizabeth Andrew

CAROLE & MATTHEW CHAET

Kudos to Carole and Matthew Chaet for going above and beyond their usual volunteer duties and helping train the new court visitor volunteers. Working as a team, they take the new volunteer visitors out into the field and show them how it is done.



JOEL ROTH

Joel Roth is a graduate of New York University's School of Law. Mr. Roth had his own practice in general civil law in New York and was on the Ethics Committee of Queens County. He has been partners in several different companies and was Purchasing Agent for Medical Store, a company later bought by Hospice of Palm Beach County. At this moment, he is getting a AAA certification in Medicare counseling and will work in the Shine Program. Volunteering in the south county courthouse, Joel will join the guardian court visitor program and assist the probate case manager.



HR HUDDLE

The Fifteenth Judicial Circuit welcomes the following new employees:

Angela Hillenbrand: Foreclosure Case Manager, July 19.

Luisa Berti: Trial Court Law Clerk, August 10.

David Henderson: Foreclosure Assistant, August 16.

Torina Jenkins-Edwards: Administrative Secretary I, August 16.

Matthew Ocksrider: Trial Court Law Clerk, August 18

Donovan Pitterson: Foreclosure Case Manager, August 30.

Astrid Serruto: Court Interpreter (Spanish), September 7

Amanda Sitton: Administrative Secretary I, September 8.

Jude Charles: Computer Specialist II, September 27.

Sarwar Siddiqui: Systems Administrator II, September 28.

Retired:

Co-workers gathered in the Judicial Conference Room on June 28, 2010, to extend best wishes to **June Leone** on the occasion of her retirement.

June worked for Court Administration for more than 11 years and she will be missed by those who had the pleasure of working with her.



ADMINISTRATIVE ORDERS

For updates to the latest Administrative Orders (AO's) for the Fifteenth Judicial Circuit, please see our website at:
<http://15thcircuit.co.palm-beach.fl.us/web/guest/ao>.

UPCOMING EVENTS

October

9 FLAG annual meeting

11 Columbus Day Training

14 Judicial Luncheon :Opening Statements in Jury Trials

15 International Conflict Resolution Day

15 Justice Teaching training-Tampa

20 County Open Enrollment begins

22 Florida Trial Court Staff Attorney Association Annual Conference

22 State Open Enrollment ends

23 American Association of Electronic Reporters and Transcribers certification exam at Main Courthouse

November

7 County Open Enrollment ends

9 Judicial Luncheon: Avoiding Juror Misconduct in the Social Networking Age

19 National Adoption Day

December

10 Staff Holiday Luncheon

COURT HOLIDAYS OCTOBER - DECEMBER

November

11 Veterans Day

26 - 27 Thanksgiving

December

24 - 25 Christmas

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