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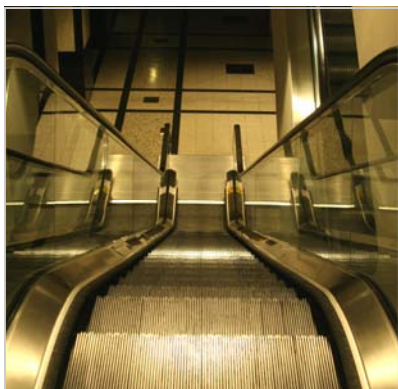
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PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA

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Professionalism Seminar

And more.....



*On the Cover:
Escalator, Main
Judicial Center
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COURTHOUSE SCULPTURE ADDS BEAUTY AND FUNCTIONALITY

As Palm Beach County and the nation recently marked the tenth anniversary of the September 11, 2001 attacks, it is interesting to note things we now accept as commonplace, but which are a consequence of that terrible day.

The sculptures that grace the plaza on the east and west sides of the Main Courthouse were commissioned immediately following the 9-11 attacks to address a concern for securing the approaches to the Courthouse. At the time, funds had been allocated for installing art at the Courthouse. It was the marriage of art and function that resulted in the design selected by the Palm Beach County Cultural Council. Artist Michael Singer of Delray Beach submitted the winning design. His design was chosen from among 125 submissions for its simplicity and low profile. The artwork has become part of the landscape of our downtown. The sculptures stand as protective barriers. Enhanced by the inspirational quotes inscribed upon them, they provide both beauty and security for the residents of Palm Beach County.



The sculpture on the East side of the Main Judicial Center displays the inscription shown below.

*Justice is the earnest and constant will
to render to every man his due.
The precepts of the law are these:
To live honorably, to injure no other man,
to render every man his due.*

The Institutes of Justinian (533 AD)

GOVERNOR APPOINTS ROSEMARIE SCHER TO THE FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COURT

THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE PRESS RELEASE

8/31/2011 Tallahassee, Fla. – Governor Rick Scott today announced the appointment of Rosemarie Scher of Palm Beach Gardens to the Fifteenth Judicial Circuit Court.

Scher, 41, has practiced with Schwed, McGinley and Kahle P.A. and served as a traffic hearing officer since 2008. Previously, she was of counsel to Fisher and Bendeck P.A. in 2007 and a sole practitioner from 2006 to 2007. From 1995 to 2006, she practiced with Kubicki and Draper P.A. after practicing with the Law Offices of Henry Laffer in 1994. She received her bachelor's degree from Florida Atlantic University and her law degree from the University of Florida College of Law.

“Rosemarie’s experience has equipped her to carefully and efficiently apply the law and make a ruling while maintaining respect for all those involved in the case,” Governor Scott said. “She has exercised firmness and consistency, along with compassion and fairness.”

Scher will fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Judge Elizabeth T. Maass.



Circuit Update:

Rosemarie Scher will join the Fifteenth Judicial Circuit on October 5, 2011. Her first divisional assignment will include family and probate cases in the South County Courthouse.

Judge Scher has selected **Debra Rosenblatt** as her Judicial Assistant.

The office may be reached at (561) 330-1705

JUDGE ALVAREZ RECEIVES GLADSTONE AWARD

Please join me in congratulating the **Honorable Ronald Alvarez** for his nomination and selection as this year's recipient of the William E. Gladstone Award.

Judge Alvarez was presented the award on September 8, 2011, at the Statewide Dependency Court Improvement Summit, Orlando, Florida. The Gladstone Award recognizes the important contributions made by Judges and Magistrates in the courts serving dependent children and their families. The award, first given in 1998 to Judge William E. Gladstone, by Florida's Supreme Court Chief Justice Major Harding, was given *"In recognition of (William E. Gladstone's) lifelong advocacy for the dignity of children."* Judge Alvarez was nominated this year by the Fifteenth Judicial Circuit and the Children's Services Council of Palm Beach County.

Judge Alvarez has spent 18 years on the bench as a Circuit Judge. For 12 of those years he has presided as a Circuit Judge in the Juvenile Division. During his years as a Juvenile Judge, he has made a lasting impression on children and families in Palm Beach County as confirmed by the praise he has received from the litigants and local stakeholders.



Judge Ronald Alvarez in his courtroom with the William E. Gladstone Award

His commitment to youth has been demonstrated by the various initiatives he has undertaken. One such example is the Delinquency Drug Court, which he presides over in addition to his regular juvenile docket. In that court he attempts to reduce juvenile crime and drug use through therapeutic interventions, collaborative community partnerships, and intensive judicial supervision of court-involved youth and families. A youth involved in both delinquency and dependency matters with Judge Alvarez summarized the concern and care that Judge Alvarez has for the youth in Juvenile Court in the following manner: "Judge Alvarez has affected my life in a positive way with my family in the dependency case. He showed me that he is helping my family with their problems and also with mine. He cares and shows a lot of concern with the issues and does his best to help."

Chief Judge Peter D. Blanc

COURT FUNDING AND THE STATE OF YOUR COURT

On Tuesday, September 13, 2011, **Chief Judge Peter D. Blanc**, **Senator Maria Sachs**, and Florida Bar Board of Governor's Member, **Greg Coleman**, gave a presentation to a gathering of over 80 Judges, Judicial Assistants, Magistrates, and Court staff, entitled, "Court Funding and the State of Your Court."

At the gathering, the Chief Judge discussed the impact that legislative funding decisions of the past few years have had on court operations and court personnel. He reminded the listeners that between 2007-09, the court's budget was reduced by \$41.3 million resulting in the court system losing over 300 employees. To date, none of that money has been restored nor have the employee positions. The entire budget for the Florida judicial branch makes up less than 1% of the State budget. He noted that in fiscal year 2009-2010, Florida's State budget was \$66,536,000,000. During that same year, the budget for the State Court System was \$451 million or 7/10 of 1% of the State budget.

Senator Sachs shared her perspective on some of the proposed legislation that, if passed in this legislative session, will impact the Court and erode its independence as a third branch of government. Greg Coleman spoke of the Bar's efforts during the past year and its continuing effort to provide support for the Judicial Branch. Over the next two months, the Chief Judge has scheduled several similar speaking events, accompanied by Senator Sachs, Senator Bogdanoff, and Greg Coleman, with local business leaders and law firms in an attempt to alert the business community as to the urgent need for the Legislature to provide adequate funding of the court system.



l-r: Senator Maria Sachs, Chief Judge Peter Blanc and Greg Coleman.



l-r: Greg Coleman and Senator Sachs



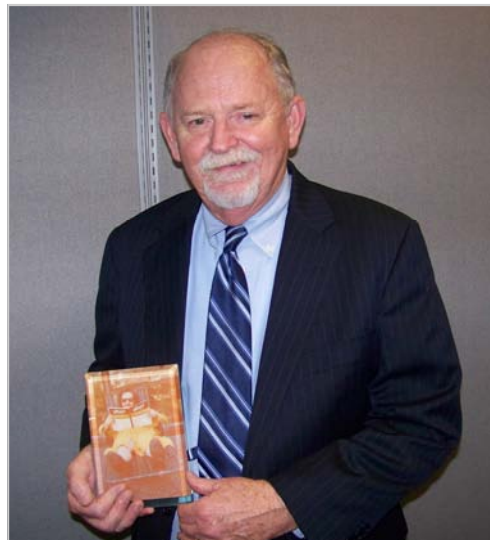
Judiciary and court staff listen attentively to Senator Maria Sachs on the topic of court funding.

CIRCUIT JUDGES AND JUDICIAL ASSISTANTS PRESENT AT PROFESSIONALISM SEMINAR

On August 26, 2011, **Chief Judge Peter Blanc** welcomed members of the judiciary and legal community at “The Honorable Jeffrey A. Winikoff Memorial Professionalism Seminar,” hosted by the American Board of Trial Advocates, Palm Beach Chapter.

The commentary on the honoree was made by **Judge David Crow**. Many judges from the Circuit, both sitting and retired, served as panel members fielding comments and questions from an audience of well over 100 attendees. Judges serving on the panel were: **Judges Ted Booras, Edward Garrison, Donald Hafele, Amy Smith, James Martz, Robin Rosenberg, Meenu Sasser** and Fourth District **Judge Robert Gross**. **Judge Timothy McCarthy** was asked to provide an amusing skit on “Professionalism in the Courtroom.”

A second panel included judicial assistants from the Fifteenth Circuit, as they spoke of professionalism from their perspective.



Judge David Crow



Judicial Assistant presenters l-r: Michelle Smith, (Sasser); Denise August, (Gross); Katherine Matthews, (Crow); Joli Katz, (Martz); and Jeri Fickes, (Keyser).



l-r: Judge Amy Smith, Judge Meenu Sasser

FIRST APPEARANCE TRAINING

Judge Krista Marx (r), **Judge Ted Booras** (l), and **Judge Ronald Alvarez** (not pictured) conducted a training session on August 23, 2011, for more than 30 of the Circuit’s judges on methods that can be employed to increase the efficiency of a First Appearance hearing. The feedback received from the training confirmed that it was very helpful. Many of the judges expressed the fact that they would implement the procedural recommendations during their duty judge assignment.



IN THE COMMUNITY

Veterans' Court

On November 11, 2010, **Chief Judge Peter Blanc** created, by Administrative Order, the Palm Beach County Veterans' Court.

Since its creation, **Judge Ted Booras** has presided over this VA Court. This VA Court became a model for the country because it handled violent felonies and was a resolution court rather than a diversion court.



l-r: Judge Ted Booras, Carla DaSilva and Jerry Kline

On August 24, 2011, Judge Booras, Carla DaSilva, VA coordinator, and Jerry Kline director of the mentor program, traveled to Orlando and presented to a very receptive audience at the Florida Alcohol and Drug Abuse Association. Many of the questions raised related to the creation of a veteran's court in other parts of the state. In the first six months, the VA Court handled approximately 200 cases, and seventy-five percent of the defendants that came before the court are now receiving VA benefits for issues relating to substance abuse, mental health, and homelessness.

Process Servers

Representatives from the Florida Association of Professional Process Servers ("FAPPS") were among the participants in the Process Server Training held at the Jupiter Beach & Spa Resort in Jupiter, FL on Saturday, August 13, 2011.

Presentations were made by **Judge Donald Hafele** and **Amy S. Borman**, Esq., General Counsel, on behalf of the Fifteenth Circuit. Judge Hafele discussed current case law and current opinion surrounding the topic of "Why Judges Grant Motions to Quash". Borman addressed recent law changes and shared her view on best practices and proper service in the Fifteenth Circuit.



Above: Judge Hafele speaking before the FAPPS.

Below: Amy Borman leads a discussion group at the training session.

Over fifty process servers attended the free event to discuss and share their experience and their insight in serving defendants in and around Palm Beach County.

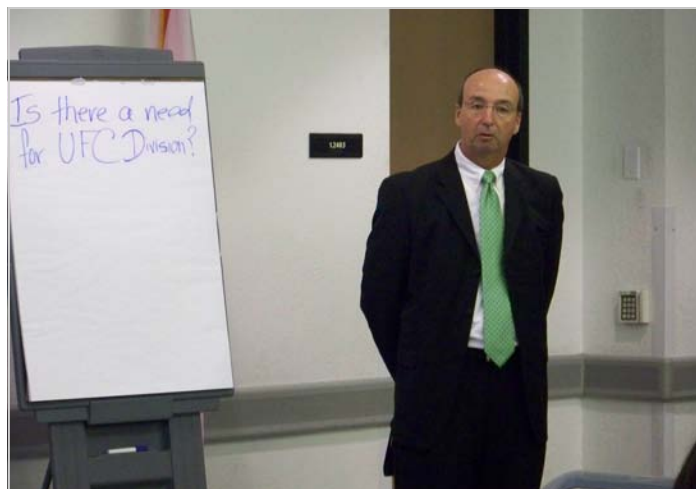


UNIFIED FAMILY COURT

The annual meeting of the Family Law Advisory Group (F.L.A.G.) was held on September 13, 2011. **Judge Catherine Brunson**, Administrative Judge of Family, chaired the gathering, which was planned and organized by **Barbara Dawicke**, Trial Court Administrator, and **Mary Quinlan**, Mental Health Court Operations Manager.

The meeting brought together the Circuit's Unified Family Court stakeholders for informational presentations by Cynthia Green, Esq., who provided an update on marital and family case law and Dr. Sheila Cohen-Furr, who addressed best practices for attorneys working with high conflict families. Dr. Mark Rosen, of the Toby Center, and Stella Johnson, of the Family Nurturing Center explained the operations of their respective supervised visitation centers and how their facilities could address the needs of the Circuit.

The Group brainstorming session ended prematurely due to the time constraints but Court staff are organizing stakeholder subcommittees to address issues identified by the meeting participants and on the Circuit's F.L.A.G. survey.



Chief Judge Peter Blanc leads discussion on merits of a UFC Division



Judge Brunson



l-r: Elisha Roy, Barbara Dawicke



Magistrate Diane Kirigin

NEW UNIFIED FAMILY COURT MANAGER

Tara Kranz has been selected for the position of Unified Family Court (UFC) Operations Manager. Tara most recently worked as the Judicial Review Case Manager in the Circuit's Juvenile Division.

Previous to joining the Circuit, Tara spent five years as the office manager and paralegal for the Law Center of the Greater Palm Beaches, P.A. In 2003, she held the title of Public and International Relations and Marketing Manager in Shiraz, Iran. Tara earned her Bachelors degree at Karaj University, Iran.

Tara's office is in UFC, 5th floor of the Main Judicial Center.



DEPENDENCY SUMMIT

The Florida Department of Children and Families hosted their annual conference – “Pathway to Independence.” The summit took place September 7-9, 2011 at the J.W. Marriott in Orlando. It was an 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 health providers and child advocates joined together to benefit from increased coordination, communication and creativity amongst their fields.



l-r: Cristy Altaro, Kathy Sanchez, Mary Quinlan

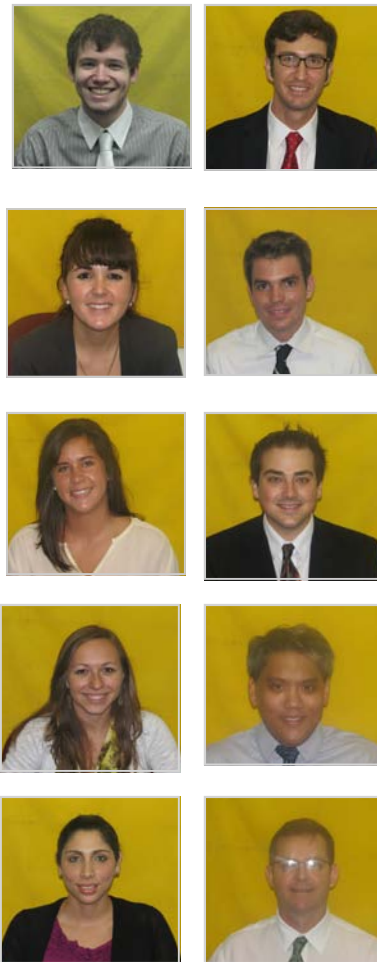
The Fifteenth Circuit was represented at the Summit by **Chief Judge Peter Blanc, Judge Kathleen Kroll, Judge Ronald Alvarez, Judge Nelson Bailey, Magistrate Judette Fanelli, Cristy Altaro, Tara Kranz, Bill Moreno, Kathy Sanchez, and Mary Quinlan.** Members of the Circuit’s Model Dependency Team, including Court Administration staff, presented two breakout sessions highlighting programs and best practices in dependency court.

JUVENILE COURT-SUMMER INTERNS

The Fifteenth Circuit was honored to have ten interns throughout the summer assisting with the Model Dependency Court project. Their chief responsibility included a comprehensive review of over 400 dependency cases among all five juvenile divisions. Thank you to: (pictured l-r, top-bottom), **Kevin Rabin, Jeremy Grant, Alicia DeOlano, Jonathan Miller, Katie Jarvis, James Glover, Josie Allen, Michael Ayayo, Samantha de Borchgrave, and Hugo Rocchia** for all of their hard work and dedication to this project.

The coordination and analysis of the data were of great importance and provided detailed information regarding the overall processing of dependency cases. This data will be utilized to make enhancements to the system. Some of the data points evaluated included: meeting statutory time standards for various events; completed and case specific case plans; case outcomes; final placements for children, and the number of hearings per case. In addition, information was gathered on child support in dependency cases, as well as youth and foster parents attendance at Court.

The efforts devoted to this project throughout the entire summer will benefit the Circuit and child welfare partners, as we continue to review procedures and statistical information to help improve the system and serve youth and families in the child welfare system in the best way possible.



FAMILY DRUG COURT GRADUATION

The first Family Drug Court Graduation was held before **Judge Kathleen Kroll**, on September 14, 2011.

The two graduates were successful in both residential treatment and outpatient services which ultimately lead to reunification with their children.

Through the Family Drug Court program, each client receives substance abuse treatment, therapeutic services, post placement supervision, referrals for housing, and job placement. Their children are also referred for services while in care.

The Family Drug Court program, which started in May 2010, strives to achieve decreased substance abuse, shorter time to reunifications, and more successful families.



l-r: Judge Kathleen Kroll; Doug Peterson, Guardian Ad Litem; Veronica Huffman, Dependency Case Manager; and seated graduate Tara Still and her son, Traeh.

DELINQUENCY DRUG COURT GRADUATION

*“Young people like
Nicholas
are why we do
what we do;
successes
like his
are what keep
us motivated”*

Cristy Altaro

At the Delinquency Drug Court Graduation held on August 10, 2011, **Judge Ronald Alvarez** congratulated the newest graduate.

Delinquency Drug Court was established in May 2008 and targets youth with a history of substance abuse.

Progress in the program is reviewed regularly by the Drug Court Team which consists of the Judge, Drug Court Coordinator, State Attorney, Public Defender, Department of Juvenile Justice, Juvenile Probation Officer, Case Manager, Clerk, Court Education Liaison, and Youth Court.



Judge Ronald Alvarez congratulates a graduate.

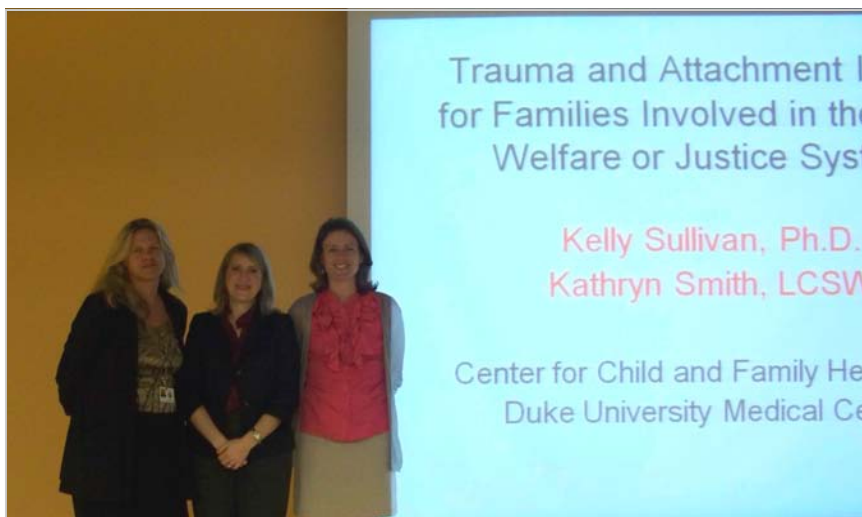
MENTAL HEALTH COURT

Trauma Training

The Fifteenth Circuit offered a free training for the community on childhood trauma and attachment difficulties on August 23, 2011 at the West Palm Beach City Library.

Dr. Kelly Sullivan and Kathryn Smith, (LCSW) from the Center for Child and Family Health at Duke University Medical Center presented an informative training on trauma issues with a focus on child welfare. The participants increased their understanding of the child/caregiver attachment process and its impact on child behavior and visitation recommendations. They learned how traumatic stress impacts young children and adolescents and ways

to decrease further trauma to the child by the system when making removal and placement decisions. They also increased their knowledge of the use of treatment guidelines and evidenced-based treatment interventions for problems stemming from trauma and attachment issues. Court Administration was represented by **Judge Kathleen Kroll, Magistrate Judette Fanelli, Mary Quinlan, Cristy Altaro**, as well as, various other court staff and community partners.



l-r: Judge Kathleen Kroll, Dr. Kelly Sullivan, Kathryn Smith

DISPUTE RESOLUTION CONFERENCE

The 19th Annual Conference for Mediators and Arbitrators took place August 25-27, 2011, in Orlando Florida. The Trial Court Administrator, **Barbara Dawicke**, and the ADR Director, **Bill Moreno**, attended the Conference Directors' meeting. Following that meeting, several of the Circuit's staff mediators joined Bill and the other attendees for the remainder of the Conference.

Supreme Court **Justice Peggy Quince**, as well as **Judge Burton Conner** of the 4th DCA addressed the attendees. Ethics, domestic violence, and cultural diversity were among the issues that were covered in the workshops.

Judges, mediators, attorneys, educators, and mental health experts from across the state gathered at the conference. All of these professionals, from their various disciplines,



Fifteenth Circuit mediators, l-r, George Polacek, Linda Fraser, Cynthia Myers-Rubin, Danni Hoefling and ADR Director, Bill Moreno.

discussed their perspectives on the current and future role of ADR in the courts.

CERTIFIED PROCESS SERVER PROGRAM

Over the past year, the Circuit has redesigned its training program for both new and renewing certified process servers in the County.

The certification, referenced in Administrative Orders in the 2.700 series, assures that process servers certified by the court undergo training on ethics, best practices and how to properly serve initial non-enforceable process the documents that initially advise parties of a case being filed against them.

The court accepts applications for certification once a year, from October 1 to October 31. Under the direction of Amy Borman, General Counsel, applicants attend training and must successfully complete an examination before being eligible to be sworn in as a certified process server by the Chief Judge, in a ceremony held in December of each year.

Details are on the Circuit's website at www.15thcircuit.com, under court programs and services.

REMOTE COURT INTERPRETING TEST

The Court Interpreting office of the Fifteenth Judicial Circuit provides language interpretation services to criminal defendants that lack sufficient English proficiency to participate in court proceedings unassisted. A full-time staff of seven Spanish and three Creole interpreters serve the five courthouses in Palm Beach County.

To improve efficiency by avoiding travel when interpreters are needed in multiple locations for short hearings, the office is testing a remote interpreting service, where the interpreter is connected to the courtroom through a video link. The system must enable the interpreter to interpret for the defendant in open court, as well as allow for private conversation between the attorney and defendant.

Through a headset and internet connection, the interpreter may watch the proceedings while providing simultaneous or consecutive interpretation from the target language to English. Court interpreters must have a broad vocabulary including legal, scientific, and colloquial terms to adequately convey lay and expert testimony, as well as forensic evidence material.

The Circuit provides services in over 80 languages through its staff, contractual interpreters and the Language Line.



Court Interpreter Sean Logsdon provides Spanish interpretation from the Main Courthouse for a court hearing in process in Belle Glade (on screen).

MEET THE DEPARTMENTS

COURT REPORTING

Susan Wiggins, Stenographer, is the Manager of the Court Reporting Department and Witness Management. The Department includes Stenographers, Digital Court Reporters, Scopists, and Electronic Transcriptionists. Susan is responsible for ensuring that all criminal, domestic violence, and Magistrate hearings are covered either by a Stenographer or are digitally recorded. Her role as Manager also includes the supervision of transcript production, transcript production and the production of CDs.

A Stenographer's role is to create a verbatim record of serious felony court proceedings using unique shorthand skills they have been trained to use. Stenographers use specialized equipment that creates the notes (from their shorthand theory), which are later translated into English text upon receipt of a transcript request. Certain Stenographers are fluent in "Real-Time" writing technique, which allows them to produce an instantaneous English translation simultaneously with the court proceeding, in lieu of stenographic notes.

Scopists are trained to be competent in reading shorthand notes, and assist the Stenographers with transcript preparation by editing the Stenographer's draft transcript. The final product is finalized by the Stenographer prior to being filed with the Court.



Susan Wiggins
December 13, 2007

COURT REPORTERS



Phyllis Dames
October 26, 1998



Cathy Dore
October 1, 1991



Michelle Voce
February 10, 1992

SCOPISTS



Nancy Fisher
July 1, 1996



Tracy Tessaro
May 2, 2011



Judy Fischer-Persson
December 8, 2010

WITNESS MANAGEMENT

The Witness Management Office provides a centralized location for the recording of witness testimony and the processing of requests for recordings of court proceedings that have been digitally captured and transferred to CDs. Each day dozens of witnesses are scheduled, sworn in, and assisted by the staff. This process creates efficiencies for the Court, State Attorney, Public Defender and the Palm Beach Sheriff's Office.



Jennifer Ford
December 5, 2005



Georgeanne Woelper
January 3, 2005



Cheryl Petenbrink
October 12, 1993

MEET THE DEPARTMENTS

DIGITAL COURT REPORTING AND ELECTRONIC TRANSCRIBING

Some courtrooms and all of the Magistrate Hearing Rooms are outfitted with digital recording equipment.

When digital recording is employed, Digital Court Reporters monitor and record the proceeding. Monitoring includes adding notes to the digital file for speaker identification and tracking certain segments of the proceeding. The digital record is available in either an electronic format on a CD or as a hardcopy after the recording is transcribed by Court Reporting staff.



Renee Johnally
June 2, 2003



Joseph Larson
July 1, 1996



Rick Hussey
November 11, 1989

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Lisa Miskanic
July 11, 2011



Rolando Tatum
October 25, 1993



Yvonne Williams
June 6, 2011

Gun Club



Sara Trebilcock
October 4, 2004

South County



Susan Permuy
December 15, 2008

MEET THE DEPARTMENTS

LAW CLERKS

Law clerks or staff attorneys assist the Circuit judges by performing legal research, drafting memoranda of law, and compiling legal material for judicial reference during trial. Law clerks join the court for a minimum two-year term, during which time they acquire experience in civil, criminal, and post-conviction work.



Luisa Berti
August 10, 2010



Ari Bargil
November 2, 2009

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Tracy Foldes Cohen
(part-time)
May 2, 2005



Raul Novoa
September 7, 2011



Dolores Francis
May 28, 2010



Matt Ocksrider
August 19, 2010



Jennifer Printz
October 9, 2007



Angelique Thomas
December 22, 2010

South County



Mary Essue
January 24, 2005 (Mary
transferred from Seventh
Circuit on February 7, 2011)

North County



Sonja Pica
February 3, 2010

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

Wingter Ferriera

Wingter volunteered to gain knowledge of the Florida court systems with the Magistrates in the Main Court House. His first language is Spanish, and he has enjoyed increasing his vocabulary of English legal terms while in this capacity.



David Schnobrick

The newest foreclosure volunteer, David contributes significant assistance to the processing of cases in this busy department. Originally from NY, David now resides in Boca Raton, FL; but we're glad he travels to West Palm Beach each week to help.



Don Little

Don became interested in volunteering with the courts after serving on a jury panel. He has also been involved in many other volunteer endeavors throughout the state. You can find Don at the Information Desk of the Main Court House on Monday afternoons.



Allie Menegakis

A former summer volunteer in the Criminal division, Allie returned in the summer of 2010 to assist with circuit civil cases under the direction of Judge Sasser. Allie attends University of Florida and plans to be a litigator.



Brandon Weitzman

A student at Nova Southeastern University, Shepard Broad Law Center, Brandon volunteered in the foreclosure department, where he helped draft proposed Orders and assisted in Court. He has resumed full time studies for the fall semester.



Waldemar Pawlowski

Waldemar has a law degree from Poland and is fluent in several languages. He is observing the American legal system through his volunteer work in the foreclosure court. His goal is to practice law in the U.S.



You give but little when you give of your possessions. It is when you give of yourself that you truly give. ~ Kahlil Gibran

Breanne Perry

Breanne volunteered through early 2011 for Magistrate Baker at the North County Courthouse. She has recently accepted a staff position as Magistrate Assistant, assigned to Child Support Enforcement cases in the Main Courthouse.



Janny Phillips

Initially a volunteer in 2009, Janny was later part of the Foreclosure case management staff in FY 2010-2011. Now completing her Ph.D. in Education and Public Policy, Janny has returned to Court Administration as an intern for the fall term.



Chelsey Jones

Chelsey assisted the Court as a summer volunteer to Judge Sasser. She is attending law school in Miami and is interested in gaining first-hand experience seeing the judicial system in practice. Chelsey has a background in various areas of news broadcasting.



VOLUNTEERS ARE CURRENTLY NEEDED IN FORECLOSURES (MORNINGS) AND FOR MAIN COURTHOUSE SCHOOL TOURS (TUESDAY AND THURSDAY MID-MORNING).

Please call 561-355-2154 or see www.15thcircuit.com for application details.

HR HUDDLE

The Fifteenth Judicial Circuit welcomes the following new employees:

Angela Hildenbrand: Civil Court Operations Manager, July 5, 2011.

Lisa Miskanic: Electronic Transcriber, July 11, 2011

Maria Vasil: Legal Secretary, July 12, 2011

Ayesha Henry: Secretary, Mediation, July 18, 2011

Katrina Manuel: ADA Assistant, Aug. 8, 2011

Melissa Sotillo: Administrative Assistant II, Aug. 15, 2011

Walter Colbath, III: Mediation Services Coordinator, Aug. 22, 2011

Breanne Perry: Administrative Secretary I, Aug. 25, 2011

Autumn Peek: County Court Judicial Assistant, Sept. 1, 2011

Raul Novoa: Law Clerk, Sept. 7, 2011

Brenda August: Administrative Secretary I, Sept. 12, 2011

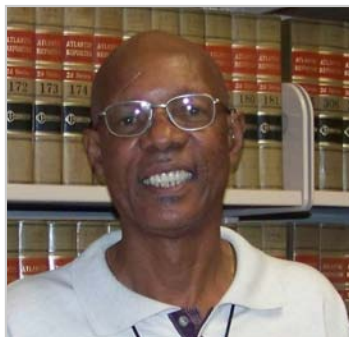
Richard Haney: Senior Programmer, Court Technology, Sept. 27, 2011

Debra Rosenblatt: Circuit Court Judicial Assistant, Oct. 3, 2011

Congratulations to:

Crystal Dixon, promoted to Administrative Secretary I, July 7, 2011

For 18 years, the Circuit has been accustomed to seeing **Charles Smith's** smile as he delivered the mail throughout the Main Courthouse. Unfortunately for the Circuit, due to personal reasons, Charles left his position with the Court on August 1, 2011.



The Circuit extends its thanks to Charles for his years of service and wishes him only the best.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

October

10 Columbus Day Training

11 Model Dependency Court

22 AAERT certification exam

24 Legislative Delegation Visit

November

7-18 State Open Enrollment

18 National Adoption Day

December

9 Staff Holiday Luncheon

COURT HOLIDAYS

November

11 Veterans' Day

24 & 25 Thanksgiving

December

23 & 26 Christmas

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDERS

Administrative Orders amended July 1—September 30, 2011:

8.101-7/11, Appeals from County Court and Local Administrative Agencies; Petitions for Extraordinary Writ

3.302-7/11, Foreclosure Division "AW"

6.305-7/11, Civil Drug Court

11.102-7/11, Administrative Judges and Executive Committee

11.104-7/11, Seniority Listing of Judges

5.107-8/11, Establishment of the South County Unified Family Court Family Division FX and the Reassignment of Existing Cases in the FY and FZ Divisions

11.106-8/11, Alternate Assignments

2.402-8/11, Jury Panels

6.103-8/11, Establishment of the South County Probate/Guardianship, Mental Health and Substance Abuse Divisions "IX" and "IZ"

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>.