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**Investiture of Circuit Judges Ticktin,  
Goodman, Schosberg-Feuer, Volker and  
Artau**

**2015 Bench/Bar Conference**

*And more...*





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## JUDGE CAROLINE SHEPHERD RECEIVES THE ANNUAL PETER FAIRCLOUGH MEMORIAL AWARD

CARP, Inc. awarded the Peter Fairclough Memorial Recognition Award to the Honorable Judge Caroline Shepherd at the Holiday Gala held on December 14, 2014. Award recipients go to individuals who have played important leadership roles in the development of the fields of chemical dependency treatment and mental health. These individuals share a broad vision of how to help people whose lives have been negatively impacted by the disease disorder from which they suffer.



L-r: Judge Caroline Shepherd, Todd Weintz, President Victoria Nemerson , Esq. Executive Director /CEO.

Judge Shepherd was honored for her selfless dedication and contribution to advances in the fields of substance abuse and mental health treatment. Currently, Judge Shepherd presides over the 15<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit's Adult Drug Court program. She has also served on the Palm Beach County Canvassing Board and Courthouse Security Committee. She also initiated the Homeless Court Planning Committee and is a frequent speaker at local Palm Beach County Schools.

As leader of the Adult Drug Court Team since 2013, Judge Shepherd has overseen the one-year program for nonviolent offenders who have their charges nolle prossed upon successful completion. Drug Court participants engage in substance abuse counseling along with stringent drug testing. They also appear before Judge Shepherd on a regular basis to discuss their progress. The program currently has more than 200 participants. Over 90% of the program's graduates will remain out of the criminal justice system for the next three years, and most will never re-enter. Congratulations and thank you for your efforts, Judge Shepherd!

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## CHERYL CARACUZZO APPOINTED TO CIRCUIT COURT

**3/12/2015 Tallahassee, Florida**

On March 12, 2015, Governor Rick Scott announced the appointment of Cheryl Caracuzzo to the Fifteenth Judicial Circuit Court.

Caracuzzo, 45, of Jupiter, has served as an Assistant State Attorney in the Fifteenth Judicial Circuit since 1996. Caracuzzo received her bachelor's degree from Florida State University and her law degree from Nova Southeastern. Cheryl fills the vacancy created by the resignation of Judge Edward Fine.

Governor Rick Scott said, "I am confident that Cheryl will continue to do a great job as a judge on the Fifteenth Judicial Circuit Court. I look forward to her continued service to the people of Florida."

## JUDGE DAVID F. CROW RETIRES

The **Hon. David F. Crow**, Circuit Judge, retired March 31, 2015, after serving the citizens of Palm Beach County for thirteen years. Judge Crow, originally from Athens, Georgia, was appointed to the Circuit bench on December 21, 2001 by Governor Jeb Bush.

Judge Crow began his career in 1973 with the firm of O'Connell & Cooper, P.A. The following year he joined the firm of Walton, Lantaff, Schroeder, & Carson, where he worked until 1977. Then he helped found the firm of Paxton, Crow, Smith, Bosso-Pardo Davis, P.A., where he practiced until his appointment to the Circuit bench. He obtained his B.S.B.A. degree from the University of Florida in 1968 and his Juris Doctor from the University of Florida College of Law in 1972.



His tenure began in Circuit Civil Division "O". More recently, he served in Circuit Criminal Division "V".

# INVESTITURE OF JUDGE JESSICA TICKTIN

**Judge Jessica Ticktin** was elected Circuit Court Judge for the Fifteenth Judicial Circuit for a term starting January, 2015.

Most recently, Ms. Ticktin was a partner with the Ticktin Law Group in Deerfield Beach. She previously worked as an Attorney for the Law Office of Matthew Nugent and as an Associate Attorney with the Law Office of Mark Maynor.

Ms. Ticktin has served as Co-Chair of the Membership Committee for the South Palm Beach County Bar Association. She received her Juris Doctor from the Stetson University College of Law and her Bachelor's of Science from Florida State University

Judge Ticktin was first assigned to Circuit Civil Division AE. Based on Circuit needs, effective June 1, 2015, Judge Ticktin is assigned to South County Family Division FZ and Probate Division IZ.

Her Judicial Assistant is Manuela Morales. The office can be reached at 561-274-1420.

Family, colleagues, and friends gathered in ceremonial courtroom 11H of the Palm Beach County Main Judicial Center on January 16, 2015, for the investiture of **Judge Jessica Ticktin** as a Circuit Judge for the Fifteenth Judicial Circuit.

Following the invocation from Reverend Thomas Masters, Sofia Ticktin and Allison Heard led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Chief Judge Jeffrey Colbath** welcomed the group and acknowledged the Judicial Nominating Committee. The Judicial Commission, signed by Governor Rick Scott, was presented by Cindy Guerra, Esq. on behalf of Sharon R. Bock, Clerk and Comptroller of Palm Beach County.



Chief Judge Jeffrey Colbath administers the Oath of Office to Judge Ticktin.

**Judge Rosemarie Scher** presented a desk plate on behalf of the Florida Conference of Circuit Judges. A Bible was presented by Michelle R. Suskauer, Esq., representing the Florida Bar Board of Governors.

Chief Judge Jeffrey Colbath administered the Oath of Office assisted by Debra Ticktin and Joyce Weliky. The honor of enrobing Judge Ticktin went to her father Peter Ticktin, and her husband Andre Weliky.

Several traditional and ceremonial gifts were presented to Judge Ticktin: the gavel was presented by Lee McElroy, Esq., Director of the Palm Beach County Bar Association; followed by other gifts presented by Marc A. Kaufman, Esq., President of the South Palm Beach County Bar Association; Gregory T. Zele, Esq., President of Palm Beach County Justice Association, and John A. Lurvey, Esq., President of the American Board of Trial Advocates.

Following remarks by her father Peter Ticktin, Esq., and husband Andre Weliky, Judge Ticktin thanked her family and members of the Judiciary who were present.

The ceremony concluded with the benediction from Rabbi Barry Silver.



# INVESTITURE OF JUDGE JAIMIE GOODMAN

**Judge Jaimie Goodman** was elected Circuit Court Judge for the Fifteenth Judicial Circuit for a term starting January 2015 due to a vacancy created by the retirement of the Hon. Lucy Chernow Brown.

Most recently, Mr. Goodman was in private practice at his own law firm in West Palm Beach. He previously worked for a law firm in Birmingham, Michigan, representing GM and other Fortune 500 companies. He also served as in-house counsel at General Motors.

Mr. Goodman has served as Legislative Director with the League of Women Voters of Palm Beach County. He has also served on the Executive Trustee Council of the Northern Palm Beach County Chamber of Commerce. He received his Juris Doctor from Cornell University Law School and his Bachelor's of Arts from Cornell University.

Judge Goodman's first assignment is in Civil Division "AJ" on the tenth floor of the Main Judicial Center.

His Judicial Assistant is Maria Vasil. The office can be reached at 561-355-1103.

Family, colleagues, and friends gathered in ceremonial courtroom 11H of the Palm Beach County Main Judicial Center on January 30, 2015, for the investiture of **Judge Jaimie Goodman** as a Circuit Judge for the Fifteenth Judicial Circuit.

The ceremony began with Howard Weiss, Esq. leading the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Chief Judge Jeffrey Colbath** welcomed the group and acknowledged the Judicial Nominating Committee. The Judicial Commission, signed by Governor Rick Scott, was presented by Cindy Guerra, Esq. on behalf of Sharon R. Bock, Clerk and Comptroller of Palm Beach County.

**Judge Rosemarie Scher** presented a desk plate on behalf of the Florida Conference of Circuit Judges. A Bible was presented by Theo S. Kypreos, Esq. President of the Palm Beach County Bar Association.

Chief Judge Jeffrey Colbath then administered the Oath of Office. The honor of enrobing Judge Goodman went to Estelle Friedman and Natalie Andre.

Several traditional and ceremonial gifts were presented to Judge Goodman:

The gavel was presented by Theo S. Kypreos, Esq., President of the Palm Beach County Bar Association; followed by other gifts presented by Marc A. Kaufman, Esq., President of the South Palm Beach County Bar Association; Gregory T. Zele, Esq., President of the Palm Beach County Justice Association, and John A. Lurvey, Esq. President of the American Board of Trial Advocates.

Following remarks by David Bovi, Esq. and Pamela S. Goodman, Judge Goodman thanked friends and members of the Judiciary who were present.

The ceremony concluded with the benediction from Rabbi Amy Rader.



Judge Rosemarie Scher presents a desk plate to Judge Jaimie Goodman

# INVESTITURE OF JUDGE SAMANTHA SCHOSBERG-FEUER

**Judge Samantha Schosberg-Feuer** was elected Circuit Court Judge for the Fifteenth Judicial Circuit for a term starting January 2015, due to a vacancy created by the retirement of the Hon. Sandra McSorley.

Most recently, Ms. Feuer was of counsel with Akerman LLP in the Labor, Employment, and Litigation Practice Group in West Palm Beach. Previously, she worked for the Office of the Florida Attorney General where she served as the Chief of the South Florida Bureau Consumer Protection Unit. She also served as an Assistant State Attorney in both West Palm Beach and Miami.

Ms. Feuer is past president of the Florida Association of Women Lawyers and the recipient of the 2013 Annual Supreme Court Justice Barbara Pariente Award. She is also co-founder of the Women's Foundation of Palm Beach County and former co-chair of the Diversity Sub-Committee for the Palm Beach County Bar Association. She received her Juris Doctor from the University of Florida Levin College of Law and her Bachelor's of Arts from Tufts University.

Judge Schosberg-Feuer's first assignment is in Criminal Division "X" on the tenth floor of the Main Judicial Center.

Her Judicial Assistant is Kimberly Mayorga. The office can be reached at 561-355-1610.

Family, colleagues, and friends gathered in ceremonial courtroom 11A of the Palm Beach County Main Judicial Center on February 6, 2015, for the investiture of **Judge Samantha Schosberg-Feuer** as a Circuit Judge for the Fifteenth Judicial Circuit.

The invocation was given by Rabbi Cookie Lea Olshein Sophia and Jack Feuer led the Pledge of Allegiance. Following the pledge, Sophia Feuer sang the National Anthem.

**Chief Judge Jeffrey Colbath** welcomed the group and acknowledged the Judicial Nominating Committee. The Judicial Commission, signed by Governor Rick Scott, was presented by **Sharon R. Bock**, Clerk and Comptroller of Palm Beach County.

**Judge Rosemarie Scher** presented a desk plate on behalf of the Florida Conference of Circuit Judges. A Bible was presented by Gregory W. Coleman, representing the Florida Bar Board of Governors. Chief Judge Jeffrey Colbath administered the Oath of Office assisted by Peter Schosberg and Robin Lowitz. The honor of enrobing Judge Schosberg-Feuer went to her husband Leonard Feuer, and father Peter Schosberg.

Several traditional and ceremonial gifts were presented to Judge Schosberg-Feuer: The gavel was presented by Theo S. Kypreos, Esq., President of the Palm Beach County Bar Association; followed by other gifts presented by Marc A. Kaufman, Esq. President of the South Palm Beach County Bar Association; Gregory T. Zele, Esq., President of Palm Beach County Justice Association, Leora B. Freire, Esq., Development Director of State FAWL. and Mariano Garcia, Esq. of the American Board of Trial Advocates.

Following remarks by Robert A. Bertisch Esq., David I. Spector, Esq., Michelle McGovern, Peter Schosberg, and Leonard S. Feuer, Esq., Judge Schosberg-Feuer thanked her family and members of the Judiciary who were present.

The ceremony concluded with the benediction from Rabbi Cookie Lea Olshein.



Chief Judge Jeffrey Colbath administers the Oath of Office to Judge Schosberg-Feuer.

# INVESTITURE OF JUDGE KIRK VOLKER

**Judge Kirk Volker** was appointed to the Circuit Court by Governor Rick Scott on December 23, 2014, filling a vacancy created by the appointment of Judge Robin Rosenberg to the Federal District Court.

Prior to his judicial appointment, Judge Volker was an Assistant State Attorney in the Fifteenth Judicial Circuit.

Before working as an Assistant State Attorney, Judge Volker practiced with Lubin, Volker, & Olea, P.A. from 1999-2004, and with Walton, Lantaff, Schroeder & Carson, P.A. in 1990.

Judge Volker received his bachelor's degree from the University of South Florida and his law degree from Stetson University College of Law.

Judge Volker's first assignment is in Juvenile Division "JM" on the second floor of the Main Judicial Center.

His Judicial Assistant is Lorraine Pratts. The office can be reached at 561-355-4410.

Family, colleagues, and friends gathered in ceremonial courtroom 11A of the Palm Beach County Main Judicial Center on February 20, 2015, for the investiture of **Judge Kirk C. Volker** as a Circuit Judge for the Fifteenth Judicial Circuit.

Following the invocation from Associate Pastor Kevin Mahoney, Chris and Sarah Volker led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Chief Judge Jeffrey Colbath** welcomed the group and acknowledged the Judicial Nominating Committee. The Judicial Commission, signed by Governor Rick Scott, was presented by **Sharon R. Bock**, Clerk and Comptroller of Palm Beach County.



Chief Judge Jeffrey Colbath administers the Oath of Office to Judge Volker.

**Judge Rosemarie Scher** presented a desk plate on behalf of the Florida Conference of Circuit Judges. A Bible was presented by David C. Prather, Esq., representing the Florida Bar Board of Governors.

Chief Judge Jeffrey Colbath administered the Oath of Office assisted by Lisa Volker. The honor of enrobing Judge Volker went to Daniel and Margaret Volker.

Several traditional and ceremonial gifts were presented to Judge Volker:

The gavel was presented by Theo S. Kypreos Esq., President of the Palm Beach County Bar Association; followed by other gifts presented by Marc A. Kaufman, Esq. President of the South Palm Beach County Bar Association; Gregory T. Zele, Esq., President of Palm Beach County Justice Association, and Mariano Garcia, Esq., from the American Board of Trial Advocates.

Following remarks by Barry Krischer, Esq., and **Judge Joseph Marx**, Judge Volker thanked his family and members of the Judiciary who were present.

The ceremony concluded with the benediction from Associate Pastor Kevin Mahoney.



# INVESTITURE OF JUDGE EDWARD ARTAU

**Judge Edward Artau** was appointed to the Circuit Court by Governor Rick Scott on December 23, 2014, filling a vacancy created by the retirement of Judge Ronald Alvarez.

Prior to his judicial appointment, Judge Artau was the General Counsel for the South Florida Water Management District.

Previously, he was partner with Marks & Artau, P.A. from 1996-2004. Artau also practiced with Proskauer Rose, LLP from 1993-1996, and with Hodgson Russ, LLP from 1988-1993.

Judge Artau received a bachelor's degree from Nova Southeastern University and a law degree from Georgetown University.

Judge Artau's first assignment is in Civil Division "AF" on the tenth floor of the Main Judicial Center.

His Judicial Assistant is Andrea Morris. The office can be reached at 561-355-7875.

Family, colleagues, and friends gathered in ceremonial courtroom 11A of the Palm Beach County Main Judicial Center on March 13, 2015, for the investiture of **Judge Edward Artau** as a Circuit Judge for the Fifteenth Judicial Circuit.

Following the invocation from Jason Gonzalez, Esq., Senator Maria Sachs and members of the Artau Family led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Chief Judge Jeffrey Colbath** welcomed the group and acknowledged the Judicial Nominating Committee. The Judicial Commission, signed by Governor Rick Scott, was presented by **Sharon R. Bock**, Clerk and Comptroller of Palm Beach County.



Florida Supreme Court Chief Justice Jorge Labarga administers the oath of office to Judge Artau.

Following remarks by Jesse Panuccio, Executive Director of the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity, **Judge Rosemarie Scher** presented a desk plate on behalf of the Florida Conference of Circuit Judges. A Bible was presented by Michelle R. Suskauer, Esq., representing the Florida Bar Board of Governors.

**Florida Supreme Court Chief Justice Jorge Labarga** administered the Oath of Office assisted by Jesse Panuccio. The honor of enrobing Judge Artau went to family members Julio and Maria Artau.

Several traditional and ceremonial gifts were presented to Judge Artau:

The gavel was presented by Theo S. Kypreos Esq., President of the Palm Beach County Bar Association; followed by other gifts presented by Peter Sachs, Esq., Past President of the South Palm Beach County Bar Association; Andrew Harris, Esq., Board Member of Palm Beach County Justice Association, and John A. Lurvey, Esq., President of the American Board of Trial Advocates.

Remarks were made on behalf of Judge Artau by Keith Sonderling, Esq., Matthew Leopold, Esq., **Third District Court of Appeal Chief Judge Frank A. Shepherd**, and Chief Justice Jorge Labarga. Judge Artau then thanked his family and members of the Judiciary who were present.

The ceremony concluded with the benediction from Howard Weiss, Esq.



# 2015 BENCH BAR CONFERENCE

## Judges in Attendance:

### Circuit

Chief Judge Jeffrey Colbath

Judge Edward Artau

Judge Thomas Barkdull III

Judge Peter Blanc

Judge Catherine Brunson

Judge Charles Burton

Judge Jack Cox

Judge David Crow

Judge Edward Fine

Judge David French

Judge Jeffrey Gillen

Judge Jaimie Goodman

Judge Donald Hafele

Judge John Kastrenakes

Judge Glenn Kelley

Judge Gregory Keyser

Judge Janis Keyser

Judge James Martz

Judge Joseph Marx

Judge Krista Marx

Judge Karen Miller

Judge Richard Oftedal

Judge John Phillips

Judge Rosemarie Scher

Judge Lisa Small

Judge Jessica Ticktin

Judge Kirk Volker

### County

Judge August Bonavita

Judge Ted Booras

Judge Sandra Bosso-Pardo

Judge Frank Castor

Judge Barry Cohen

Judge Reginald Corlew

Judge Sheree Cunningham

Judge Mark Eissey

Judge Peter Evans

Judge Leonard Hanser

Judge Robert Panse

Judge Nancy Perez

Judge Caroline Shepherd

Judge Debra Moses

Stephens

Judge Daliah Weiss

Ret. Judge Nelson Bailey

On March 27, 2015, the Palm Beach County Bar Association hosted the Bench Bar Conference. The Bar was assisted by Judges and Court Administration staff who organized and hosted several of the sessions. This annual event provides a valuable opportunity for the judiciary and legal community to interact and discuss topics related to their respective legal practice areas.

The morning program included sessions on Transactional Law, Alternative Dispute Resolution, Federal Practice, and Estate & Probate. Many of the other morning sessions were geared to new attorneys and solo/small firm practitioners. Court staff participated in a Staff Meet and Greet Roundtable during the morning sessions.

During the lunch break, attendees were welcomed by Palm Beach County Bar Association President Theo S. Kypreos. **Chief Judge Jeffrey Colbath** gave his “State of the Judiciary” address. Attorney Adam Rabin was awarded the Sid Stubbs' Professionalism Award presented by Palm Beach County Bar Association President Theo S. Kypreos and Joanne O'Connor, co-chair of the Palm Beach County Bar Association's Professionalism Committee. The Judge Edward Rodgers Diversity Award was presented to attorney John Howe of the law firm of John M. Howe, P.A..



*General Counsel Amy Borman conducts the Staff Meet & Greet Roundtable*



*L-r: Judges Martin Colin, Jeffrey Gillen, John Phillips, David French*



*L-r: Commercial Litigation Panelists Matt Ramenda, Judge Lisa Small, Al LaSorte, Patricia Lowry, Ret. Judge Timothy McCarthy*

# BENCH BAR CONFERENCE: CONTINUED

## Judicial Assistants:

Valencia Anderson  
Mary Beardsley  
Jennifer Bernier  
Erin Borden  
Erin Brandt  
Nancy Brody  
Susan Campbell  
Kristin Colbath  
Janny Crespo  
Mona Driscoll  
Torina Edwards  
Mary Ellis  
Brenda Gleason  
Carla Glover  
Diana Grant  
Marilyn Greathouse  
Carol Hall  
Donna Holden  
Johnna Hochella  
Joli Katz  
Judith Lane  
Gloria Lozano  
Stefanie Lee  
Audrie Leo  
Jan Leslie  
Kim Massengill  
Katherine Matthews  
Kimberly Mayorga  
Dawn McClelland  
Marie McGeehan  
Harriet Merlin  
Manuela Morales  
Andrea Morris  
Marie Murphy  
Sherrie Norton  
Eyder Orozco  
Autumn Peek  
Kim Phillips  
Lorraine Pratts  
Rebecca Ricker  
Sherry Riggio  
William Rivera  
Debra Rosenblatt  
Michelle Smith  
Amy Tracy  
Sabrina Valdez  
Denise Van Vooren  
Maria Vasil  
Jeri Fickes West  
Jessica Wolfkill  
Maryann Yarosz  
Celanne Ziegler

Following Judge Colbath's presentation, this year's lunchtime guest speaker was Legal Humorist Sean Carter. Mr. Carter has crisscrossed the country delivering comedic, professional, and educational seminars for over 150 bar associations. His topic was "Nice Lawyers Finish First".

The afternoon Bench Bar sessions aimed at Judges, Magistrates, and attorneys, were varied and addressed substantive legal topics. In one session, several members of the Judiciary participated in a group discussion on topics related to family law, juvenile law, personal injury, commercial litigation, and criminal law. Another session, aimed at law students, was led by Judges Nancy Perez and Sandra Bosso-Pardo.

Right: Chief Judge Jeffrey Colbath delivers his "State of the Judiciary" Address



Left: Legal Humorist Sean Carter



L-r: Alternate Dispute Resolution Panelists Bill Cea, Jay Hunston, Jr. Mike Mop-sick, Ret. Judge Ken Stern, Lou Williams, Victoria Calebrese, Ted Deckert

## Participants include:

### Magistrates:

Sara Alijewicz  
Thomas Baker  
Peter Bassiline  
Judette Fanelli  
Linda Goodwin  
Diane Kirigin  
Jean-Adel Williams  
Maxine Williams  
Sarah Willis

### Magistrates Assistants:

Sandra Becerra  
Natashia Harris  
Nicole Karlecke  
Stephanie King  
Breanne Perry  
Sharon Royal  
Rita Sinofsky  
Cathy Solis

### Law Clerks:

Angela Claud  
Thomas Colley  
Joshua Dockus  
Sean Fahey  
Christine Gardner  
Margaret Greco  
Gabrielle Jackson  
Madhavi Menon  
Michele Nihiser  
Jennifer Printz

### Staff:

Cristy Altaro  
Amy Borman  
Noel Chessman  
Gina Evangelista  
Tara Kranz  
Bill Moreno  
Devon Mugridge  
Debra Oats  
Mary Quinlan  
Tehera Smith  
Melissa Sotillo



Judicial Assistants Sherry Riggio and Diana Grant



### Veteran's Court



Judge Ted Booras (fourth from the right) with members from the Veteran's Court Team at the South Florida Fair.

On January 27, 2015 the Veteran's Court team participated in American Hero's Day at the South Florida Fair. Many veterans signed up for benefits available with the Veterans Health Administration. The Veteran's Court team was available to assist veterans with questions and concerns about navigating the court system.

### Caring Canines Appreciation Event

The Circuit's therapy dog program, Caring Canines, held an appreciation event on February 11, for the volunteer dog and handler teams.

**Magistrate Judette Fanelli** and Juvenile Operations Manager **Cristy Altaro** welcomed everyone and acknowledged the benefit the program has brought to families involved in the court system.

Caring Canines and their handlers volunteer their time to help comfort children who are in court for various reasons.



Caring Canine volunteer dog and handler teams pose for a group photograph.

## AROUND THE CIRCUIT

### Delinquency Drug Court Graduation

At a graduation ceremony held on January 14, 2015, **Judge Rosemarie Scher** and **retired Judge Ronald Alvarez** honored a graduate who successfully completed the requirements of the Delinquency Drug Court Program. Participants, family members, advocates, Drug Court Team members, stakeholders, and community members were present to recognize the participant's accomplishment. Judge Scher provided the Court attendees with an overview of the graduate's life history and presented the graduate with a certificate of completion.

Delinquency Drug Court targets youth who are on probation and who have committed drug-related offenses and/or have a history of substance abuse. The goal of the court is to reduce juvenile crime and drug use. Success requires the participant and the participant's family to participate in all steps of the program.



Judge Rosemarie Scher presents the graduate with a Certificate of Completion.

### Judicial Lunch Series

On January 20, 2015, the Judicial Relations Committee of the Palm Beach County Bar Association held its monthly judicial luncheon at the North County Courthouse. During the luncheon each, Judge on the panel provided an overview of how they handle their cases, Universal Motion Calendar, management conferences, and trials. The judicial panel consisted of **Judges John Phillips, Krista Marx, and Laura Johnson** with Todd Stewart, Esq. of the Law Offices of Todd S. Stewart, P.A. as moderator.



L-r : Moderator Todd Stewart, Esq., Judges John Phillips, Krista Marx, Laura Johnson.

### Judicial Meet and Greet

On January 28, 2015, **Judges Sheree Davis Cunningham, and Paul A. Damico** were the guest speakers at a Judicial Meet and Greet hosted by the Palm Beach Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers in the Judicial Conference Room of the Palm Beach County Main Judicial Center .



L-r : Judge Sheree Davis Cunningham, Judge Paul A. Damico, and Scott Berry, President PBACDL.



### Mediation Training

On February 9, 2015, the ADR Office provided a continuing mediation education program for the mediators of the Fifteenth Judicial Circuit. Mediator Matthew Brickman discussed Virtual Mediation, followed by Robert Alvarado discussing Electronic Mediation. The training session concluded with a presentation on E-Filing by Clerk & Comptroller employees Holly Farrell and Mary Heather Verzaal.



*Matthew Brickman discussing virtual Mediation.*



*Mediation Service Coordinator Walter Colbath III (right) introduces Clerk of Court employees Mary Heather Verzaal and Holly Farrell.*

### Judges Meenu Sasser and Lisa Small present Sidebar to Young Lawyers

The Palm Beach County Bar Association's Young Lawyers Section held their "Sidebar Series" on January 22, 2015. **Judges Meenu Sasser** and **Lisa Small** led presentations on opening statements for both jury and non-jury trials.



*L-r: Darryl Lewis, Esq speaking, Judge Lisa Small, Elisha Roy and Judge Meenu Sasser.*

### Staff Lunch Seminar

On March 24, 2015, Kevin M. Gilpin, Director of National Crime Stop Program presented a Lunch and Learn Seminar to court employees on identity theft, and how to avoid becoming a victim.



*Kevin M. Gilpin discusses identity theft*

### Process Servers

**Chief Judge Jeffrey Colbath** swore in 30 newly certified process servers on January 14, 2015. All 30 have completed the required training and have successfully passed the process server examination.

The Certified Process Server program, under the management of Amy Borman, accepts applicants each October.



*Newly certified process servers receive their photo badges.*

### Excellence Awards

Congratulations to those persons nominated for the Judicial Assistant (JA) Recognition Award for the fourth quarter of 2014: **Joli Katz, Jan Leslie, Gloria Lozano, Marie Murphy and Amy Tracy.**

Congratulations to those persons nominated for the Court Administration employee of the fourth quarter of 2014: **Hutchinson Floyd, Natasha Harris, William Hutchings, Shilah James and Roland Tatum.**

On February 10, 2015 a ceremony was held to announce the winners for the quarter ending December 2014. **Jan Leslie**, Judicial Assistant to Judge Glenn Kelley was named Judicial Assistant of the quarter ending December 2014. **Hutchinson Floyd** was named as the Court Employee of the quarter ending December 2014. The winning Judicial Assistant and Court Staff person received a plaque, a paid administrative leave day, a photo in the newsletter, and four weeks of parking in the Judicial parking garage.



*L-r: Judge John Phillips, retired Judge Jack H. Cook, Jan Leslie, Judge Richard L. Oftedal.*

*L-r: Judge Oftedal, Hutchinson Floyd, Michelle Spangenberg.*





## Judicial Assistant Retirement Celebration

On March 25, 2105, the Judicial Assistant Association of the Fifteenth Judicial Circuit hosted a retirement celebration in honor of four long serving Judicial Assistants. The four, who were dedicated, hard-working Judicial Assistants, collectively served the State of Florida for more than 126 years! The four retiring Judicial Assistants:

- **Roberta Rubin:** Roberta served as a Judicial Assistant to Judge Thomas Barkdull, II, from July 1, 1980 to November 30, 2014 (34 years).
- **Jeri Fickes:** Jeri served as a Judicial Assistant from December 19, 1983 to March 31, 2015 (32 years). Her years of service including working with Judge William Owen, Jr.; 4th DCA Judge Barry Stone; and most recently with Judge Janis Keyser.
- **Jan Leslie:** Jan served as a Judicial Assistant to Judge Jack Cook and then Judge Glenn Kelley from October 5, 1981 to May 31, 2015 (34 years).
- **Judy Lane:** Judy served as a Judicial Assistant to Judge Stephen Rapp from August 1, 2006 through April 30, 2015. However, Judy first began her career with the State of Florida on December 27, 1989 for a total of 26 years of service.

We wish all these special and exemplary former Judicial Assistants a wonderful, happy, healthy, and long retirement. It is our hope that the standards that they set will be the ones that we can all live up to.

L-R: Chief Judge Jeffrey Colbath, Judy Lane, and Judge Stephen Rapp.



L-R: Chief Judge Jeffrey Colbath, Jan Leslie, Judge Glenn Kelley.



L-R: Judge Janis Keyser, Jeri Fickes, Chief Judge Jeffrey Colbath.



Chief Judge Jeffrey Colbath, and Roberta Rubin.

### Davis Productivity Award

General Counsel Amy S. Borman is a proud recipient of a Davis Productivity Award for her project: Effective Case Management. The project involved creating an efficient method of identifying Circuit Civil Cases marked "pending in error". The system developed is now in place and has saved judicial resources by removing pending in error cases that would have been scheduled before the divisional Judge.

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### NEW CHIEF OF PERSONNEL SERVICES

The Circuit is please to announce that Ms. Tamara Anton was selected to serve as the Chief of Personnel Services, effective January 7, 2105. In that role, Ms. Anton oversees the Human Resources Division of the Court. Ms. Anton brings to the Circuit proficiency in employee relations, organizational development, staff training, and other human resources related issues. She holds a Master's of Business Administration and a Bachelor's of Science in Organizational Development from Palm Beach Atlantic University and is certified as a Professional in Human Resources. She is also a member of the Society of Human Resources Management. Immediately prior to her employment with the Circuit, Ms. Anton was employed as the Vice President of Human Resources and Administration with the Boys & Girls Clubs of Palm Beach County, Inc.

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#### Law Library Services

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Blank Orders

TV/DVD/Elmo rental

Military Employment Verification

**Law Library Staff will do an online search and print a document to show if a person is currently on active duty.**



## ADMINISTRATIVE ORDERS

Administrative Orders amended January 1-March 31, 2015 are:

A.O. 2.207-1/15\* - In Re: Requests for Accommodations Under the Americans with Disabilities Act

A.O. 2.603-1/15\* In Re: Due Process Costs

A.O. 3.905-1/15\* In Re: Prepayment of Fee for Filing Complaint of Replevin, Etc.

A.O. 3.907-3/15 - In Re: Palm Beach County Wage Dispute Docket and Creation of 'WD' Division

A.O. 4.206-1/15- In Re: Pretrial Release Program

A.O. 4.502-3/15\* - In Re: Circuit Criminal Case Assignment- as amended

A.O. 4.906-3/15\* - In Re: Mental Health Specialty Division 'T'

A.O. 5.106-3/15\* - In Re: Notice of Related Cases Form in Unified Family Court Cases

A.O. 5.704-2/15 - In Re: Independent Living Review (ILR) Court

A.O. 10.404-2/15 - In Re: Pre-Trial Conferences in Civil Traffic Infraction Cases, Etc.

A.O. 11.101-2/15\* - In Re: Assignment of Judges

A.O. 11.102-1/15\* In Re: Administrative Judges and Executive Committee

A.O. 11.104-2/15\* - In Re: Seniority Listing of Judges

A.O. 11.106-2/15\* - In Re: Alternate Assignments

A.O. 11.203-1/15\* -In Re: Appointment of Magistrates

A.O. 11.109-1/15\* -In Re: Duty Judge Roster

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>.



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## WELCOME TO THE CIRCUIT

### New Employees:

Tamara Anton	Chief of Personnel Services
Holly Satterwhite	Law Library Manager
Tasha Hyppolite	Foreclosure Case Manager
Lisa Smith	Digital Court Reporter
Matthew Roberts	Foreclosure Case Manager
Johnna Hochella	Judicial Assistant
Kim Phillips	Judicial Assistant
Paulina Pasquarelli	Receptionist
Kodi Bell	Foreclosure Case Manager
Suzanne Otway-Miller	Court Reporter II
Roberto Garcia Jr.	Digital Court Reporter
Elizabeth Driscoll	Foreclosure Case Manager
Larissa Kries	Senior Programmer
Corey Ford	Foreclosure Case Manager
Allecia Henry	Magistrate Assistant
Le'Andrea Boggs	Digital Court Reporter

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### June

**Advanced Judicial Studies, June 8-12, 2015**

