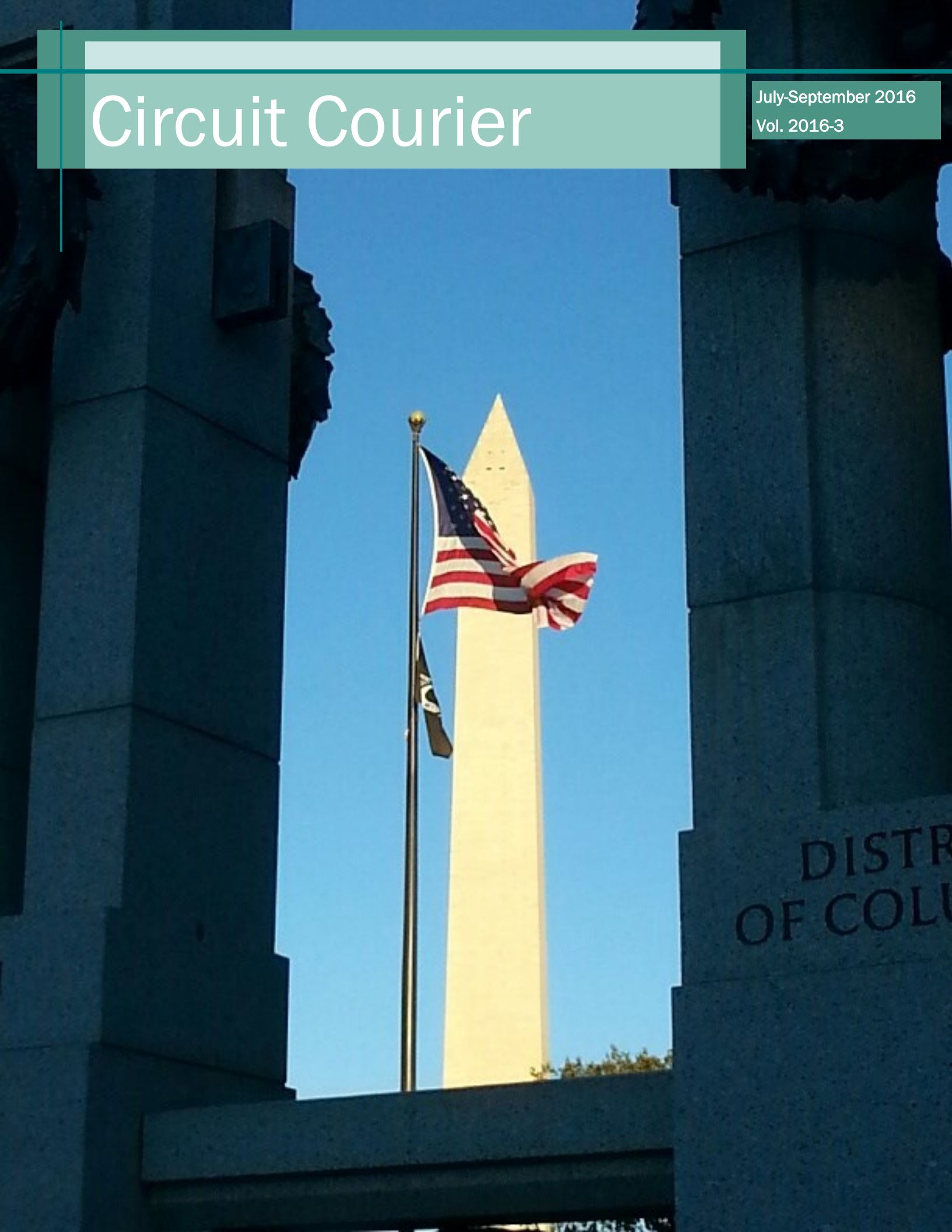


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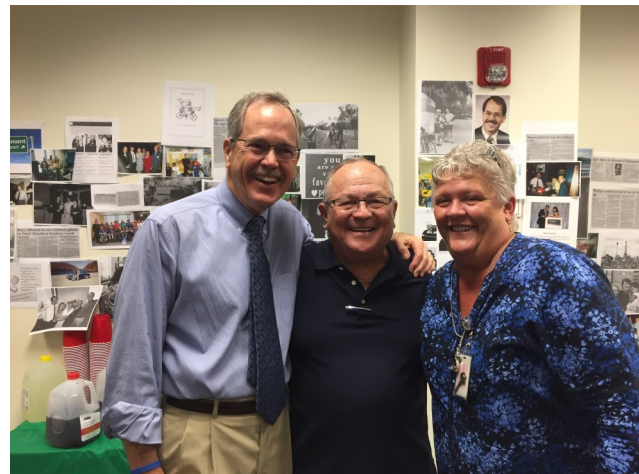
JUDGE JOHN PHILLIPS RETIRES

The Honorable John L. Phillips, Circuit Judge, retired on October 31, 2016, after serving the citizens of Palm Beach County for thirty years. Judge Phillips received his Bachelor's of Science degree in Business Administration from Florida Southern College in 1972.

After graduating from The Ohio State University College of Law, in 1976, Judge Phillips took a position with the Palm Beach County State Attorney's office. In 1979, Judge Phillips left the State Attorney's Office to open his own law firm where he worked until appointment to the County Court bench in 1986 by then Governor Bob Graham. Judge Phillips was a County Court Judge for four years until his appointment to the Circuit Court bench in 1990 by Governor Bob Martinez.



Hon. John L. Phillips



Left to r: Judge John Phillips, Deputy Warren Collozzo, and Judicial Assistant Harriet Merlin.

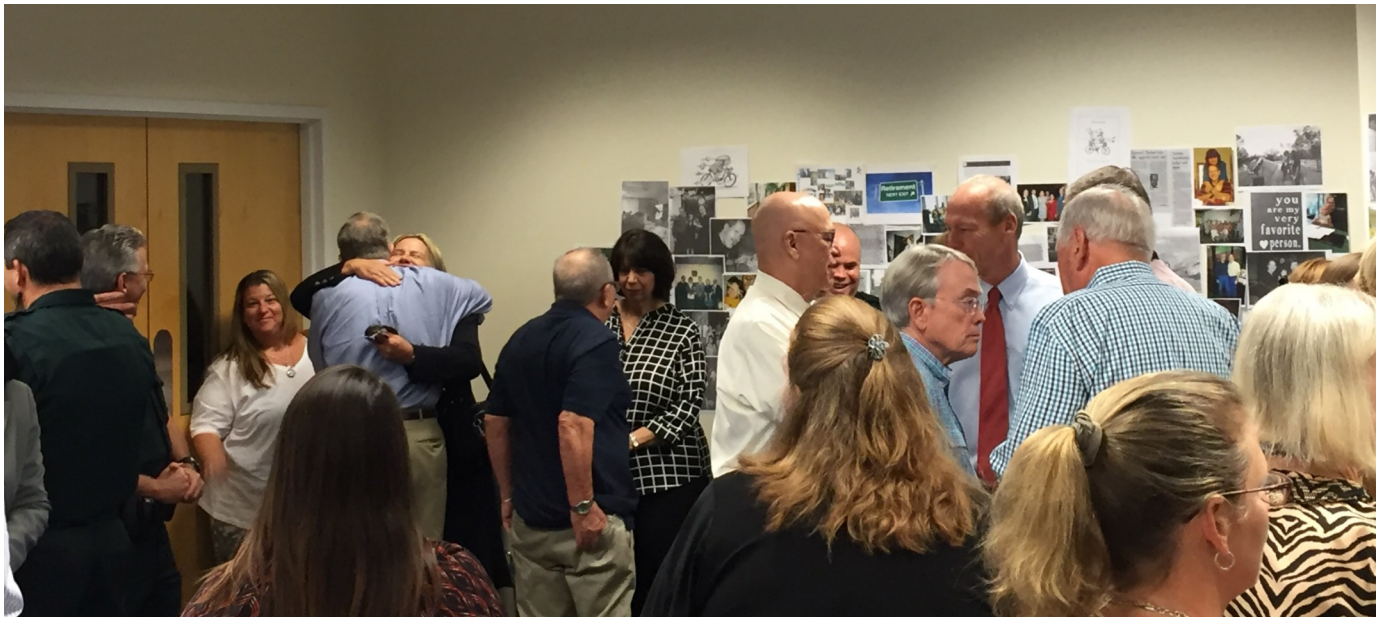
HONORABLE JUDGE JOHN L. PHILLIPS RETIREMENT PARTY



Judge John Phillips's "Wall of Memories".



Judge John Phillips and friends back in the day. This photo was featured on the "Wall of Memories".



The crowd welcomes Judge John Phillips to his retirement party.

INVESTITUTRE OF JUDGE CYMONIE ROWE

Judge Cymonie S. Rowe was appointed to the Circuit Court by Governor Rick Scott on July 15, 2016, filling a vacancy created by the retirement of Judge Amy Smith.

Prior to her judicial appointment, Judge Rowe was a senior trial attorney with Liberty Mutual from 2007-2016. She worked with Green, Ackerman, & Frost, P.A. She received her Bachelor's Degree from the University of Miami and her Juris Doctor from Nova Southeastern University.

Judge Rowe's first assignment is in Circuit Civil Division "AO" at the Main Judicial Complex. Her Judicial Assistant is Sherrie Norton. The office can be reached at 561-355-1745.

Family, colleagues, and friends gathered in ceremonial courtroom 11H of the Palm Beach County Main Judicial Center on September 9, 2016, for the investiture of Judge Cymonie S. Rowe as a Circuit Judge for the Fifteenth Judicial Circuit.

Following the invocation from Reverend Charles Browning II, Clyde Voce led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chief Judge Jeffrey Colbath welcomed the group and acknowledged the Judicial Nominating Committee.

Judge Samantha Schosberg-Feuer 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 swears in Judge Cymonie Rowe.

Chief Judge Jeffrey Colbath administered the Oath of Office assisted by Stephen Hinkel. The honor of enrobing Judge Rowe went to Thelka and Therol Rowe.

Several traditional and ceremonial gifts were presented to Judge Rowe: the gavel was presented by John R. Whittles, Esq., President of the Palm Beach County Bar Association. Immediately following were other gifts presented by Patricia Alexander, Esq., President of the South Palm Beach County Bar Association, Gregory M. Yaffa, Esq., President of Palm Beach County Justice Association, and Mariano Garcia, Esq., President of the American Board of Trial Advocates.

After the presentation of the gifts, remarks were made by Paul Driscoll, Ph.D., Reverend Nate Carter, the Stephenson family, and Stephen R. Hinkel, husband of Judge Rowe. Judge Rowe followed the speakers with her thanks to her family, the Judiciary, and the community for all of the support that has been shown towards her. The ceremony concluded with the benediction by Reverend Nate Carter.

Magistrate Training

On June 20, 2016, Magistrates and Magistrate Assistants gathered for Microsoft Office and juvenile forms training. Court Technology Desktop Administrator Michael Matta provided training on how to effectively use Microsoft Word and Outlook, including the use of autocorrect, autotext, and the creation of “rules” to assist with E-filing receipts and emails. Magistrate Sara Alijewicz presented information on the juvenile division judicial review forms.



Magistrates and Magistrate Assistants during training.

Lunch-n-Learn: Health Wellness

Ms. Edwige Gilbert presented “Wellness and Stress Management” to the Lunch-n-Learn attendees on August 23, 2016. Ms. Gilbert is an internationally recognized speaker and the author of “The Fresh Start Promise: 28 days to a total mind, body, and spirit transformation.” Ms. Gilbert’s forte is teaching others how to transform stress into strength and how to live happier and healthier lives.



Ms. Edwige Gilbert with the Lunch-n-Learn attendees.

24th Annual Conference for Mediators

On August 12, 2016, the 24th Annual Conference for Mediators took place in Orlando, FL. Fifteenth Judicial Circuit of Florida employees in attendance were ADR Director Bill Moreno, Unified Family Court Manager Tara Kranz, Staff Mediators Cristina Maldonado, Lourdes Castillo, Hadas Stagman, and Danni Hoefling.

Florida Supreme Court Justice, Peggy Quince, addressed the conference attendees, stressing the Court's appreciation of the integral role of mediation services in the state courts system.

Judges, mediators, attorneys, and other professionals from throughout the state were in attendance, mapping the future role of ADR in the courts.



Left to r: Bill Moreno, Cristina Maldonado, Veronica Millan-Caceres, Lourdes Castillo, Hadas Stagman, Danni Hoefling, and Tara Kranz.

Lunch-n-Learn: Personal Finance

Alesia Keller and Lisandra Cuza from Fifth Third Bank presented “Personal Finance” to the Lunch-n-Learn attendees on September 13, 2016. Ms. Keller and Ms. Cuza explained how one's credit history can significantly impact one's ability to achieve important financial goals. Lunch-n-Learn attendees discovered how their financial information is collected and how to interpret and improve one's personal credit score.



Lunch-n-Learn presenters Alesia Keller and Lisandra Cuza.

Ms. Dorrie Tyng, Adult Drug Court Manager Retires

Ms. Dorrie Tyng, Adult Drug Court Manager, retired August 31, 2016, after serving the citizens of Palm Beach County for sixteen years. Ms. Tyng along with Judge Bailey and court partners implemented the Circuit's first Adult Drug Court in November 2000.

In her leadership role as the Drug Court Coordinator, Dorrie has worked closely with several Drug Court Judges including Judges Bailey, Bollinger, Ciklin, Moyle, Perez, Krista Marx, and most recently with Judge Caroline Shepherd. Under Dorrie's and the Drug Court Judges' watch, the success rate, as measured by graduation of the program participants, has hovered around 97%. In fact, since the inception of the Drug Court, over 1,600 graduates have become addiction free. As importantly, recidivism has remained very low with less than 3% of participants re-arrested upon three years after graduation. Moreover, Dorrie has kept a close fiscal watch over the Drug Court and has kept the daily participant cost to an average of \$6.30 per person per day as compared to the cost of incarceration which is now over \$125 per day.



Retired Drug Court Coordinator Dorrie Tyng

The Circuit remains forever grateful to Dorrie for her years of dedicated service to the Court and her diligence and determination to keep the program funded. Through her compassion for, and guidance of the Drug Court participants, Dorrie has played a major role in successfully helping to reshape many of the graduates into productive members of our society.



Caring Canines

The Juvenile Division's Caring Canines Therapy Dog program continues to be beneficial for dependency court families. There are twenty therapy dog and handler teams who volunteer their services for the youth and families involved in the Juvenile Court. As a method for maintaining contact with the volunteer teams, the Circuit hosted the second "Caring Canines Chat" on August 25, 2016. The forum provide an opportunity to discuss the program, including concerns or ideas for improving the program. Four handlers participated in the chat forum.



L to r: Caring Canines Volunteers Alan Levine, Sandy Sears, Cathy Dash, and Jacquie Marshburn.

Delinquency Drug Court Graduation

At a graduation ceremony on July 13, 2016, Judge Rosemarie Scher 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 accomplishments. Judge Scher provided the Court attendees with an overview of the graduate's life and presented the graduate with a certificate of completion.



Judge Rosemarie Scher and program graduate.

2016 National Center for Court Managers Annual Conference

On July 10, 2016, the Fifteenth Judicial Circuit sent a team of individuals to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania to attend the 2016 National Center for Court Managers Annual Conference. The team included Chief Judge Jeffrey Colbath, Trial Court Administrator Barbara Dawicke, Chief Deputy Court Administrator Mary Quinlan, Court Operations Consultant Debra Oats, Unified Family Court Manager Tara Kranz, Case Manager Hutch Floyd, and Director of Case Management Michelle Spangenberg.

The theme of the 2016 Conference was “Making Connections.” In addition to the educational sessions offered over the three day event, the Conference provided a forum for court professionals from numerous U.S. jurisdictions as well as international courts, to meet and exchange ideas and problem solve. The educational sessions offered addressed such topics as “Critical Communications: Bridging the Gap between IT and Court Managers”, “Re-engineering Prioritized Services: How Dedicated Experts and the Use of Technology Benefit Customer Service”, and “Language Access: Measuring and Managing Cases with Interpreters.”

The 2017 National Center for Court Managers Annual Conference (NACM) will be held in Washington D.C. on July 9-13, 2017. Persons interested in becoming a NACM member can find more information under this link:

<https://www.nacmnet.org/membership/index.html>



Left to r: Chief Judge Jeffrey Colbath, Trial Court Administrator Barbara Dawicke, Chief Deputy Court Administrator Mary Quinlan, Court Operations Consultant Debra Oats, Unified Family Court Manager Tara Kranz, Case Manager Hutch Floyd, and Director of Case Management Michelle Spangenberg.

Excellence Awards

Congratulations to those persons nominated for the Judicial Assistant (JA) Recognition Award for the Second Quarter of 2016:

- Erin Borden
- Gloria Lozano
- Harriet Merlin

Congratulations, also, to those persons nominated for the Court Administration employee of the Second Quarter of 2016:

- Catherine Dore
- Steven Toner
- Michelle Voce
- Letitia Warren

The presentation ceremony was held on August 16, 2016 where the winners for the Second Quarter of 2016, as selected by the Committee, were announced.

In the Judicial Assistant category the winner was **Gloria Lozano**, Judicial Assistant to Judge Daliah H. Weiss. In the Court Administration employee category the winner was **Letitia Warren**, Personnel Management Analyst.

Each of the winners received a plaque, a paid Administrative leave day, a photo in the newsletter, and four weeks of parking in the Judicial Parking garage. Congratulations to our winners.



L to r: Judge Daliah Weiss, Judicial Assistant Gloria Lozano, and Chief Judge Jeffrey Colbath.



L to r: Tammy Anton, Letitia Warren, and Chief Judge Jeffrey Colbath.



LUNCH-N-LEARN: CPR & AED TRAINING

Operations Lieutenant Thomas Wesolek of the West Palm Beach Fire Department presented “CPR & AED” to the Lunch-n-Learn attendees on July 12, 2016. Lieutenant Wesolek demonstrated the basics of hands only CPR and how to use an Automated External Defibrillator (AED).



Attendees listen to Lieutenant Wesolek.



Court staff practice on the CPR dummies.



Left to r: Jennifer Ford, Judge Richard Oftedal, Yvonne Williams, and Bill Moreno.

TRIAL COURT LAW CLERK PROGRAM

In August 2016, the Trial Court Law Clerk Program welcomed four new law clerks: Paula Carvajal, Charlie Garbedian, Sarah Papadelias, and Kelly Rowley.

Paula Carvajal

Paula returns to the Fifteenth Judicial Circuit after attending law school at Northeastern University in Boston. While at Northeastern, Paula was a Teaching Assistant for Property Law, a student attorney at the Prisoners' Rights Clinic, and a member of the Latin American Law Students Association. As part of the extern program at the law school, Paula worked at the ACLU of Massachusetts, the Prisoners' Legal Services of Massachusetts, and the Legal Aid Society of Palm Beach County. Paula received her Bachelor of Arts from Florida Atlantic University, *magna cum laude*, while working with Court Administration first as a Case Manager and later as a Court Analyst.



Paula Carvajal

Charlie Garabedian

Charlie is a graduate of University of Florida College of Law where he was the Forum Editor for the *Florida Law Review*, a teaching assistant for Legal Writing and Appellate Advocacy, and a research assistant for two different professors on the topics of criminal law and environmental law. He was also a member of the Latino Law Student Association and received the Book Award in Federal Criminal Law. Charlie received his Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice from Florida International University.



Charlie Garabedian

Sarah Papadelias

Sarah received her Juris Doctor and Master of Arts in Mass Communications from the University of Florida this past May. While in law school, Sarah was a Teaching Assistant for Legal Writing, a Graduate Teaching Assistant for the College of Journalism and Communications, and worked for the Brechner Center for Freedom of Information. She also interned for the Federal Communications Commission in Washington, D.C. and the United States Attorney's Office in Pensacola. Sarah received her Bachelor of Arts in Classics, *summa cum laude*, from the University of Alabama where she minored in Italian and Journalism Design.



Sarah Papadelias

Kelly Rowley

Kelly is a graduate of University of Miami School of Law where she was the Assistant Articles & Comments Editor for the *University of Miami Inter-American Law Review*. During law school Kelly was a Complex Litigation Intern with Unified Family Court in the Eleventh Judicial Circuit, a Legal Intern with the Office of the Commonwealth's Attorney in Roanoke, Virginia, and a Law Clerk with the Office of Disability Adjudication and Review in Social Security Administration in Baltimore, Maryland. Kelly received her Bachelor of Arts in Communications, cum laude, from Wake Forest University where she minored in History and Journalism. Ms. Rowley is originally from North Carolina.



Kelly Rowley

TRIAL COURT LAW CLERK PROGRAM

Trial Court Law Clerks & Summer Judicial Interns: July 2016 Events

The Trial Court Law Clerks and Summer Judicial Interns had a busy July. The month started with a visit to the South County Courthouse and a lunch and learn on the role of In House Counsel. The interns and attorneys attended Juvenile Drug Court, oral argument at the Fourth District Court of Appeal, and observed various hearings and trials. The Law Clerks and Interns prepared dinner for families staying at the Quantum House at St. Mary's Hospital. They also worked with kids on a mock trial. The final vote was a hung jury. We will be back next summer to retry the case.

Information regarding the 2017 Summer Internship Program will be available on the Circuit's website in December 2017.



Staff Attorneys and Interns after preparing dinner for the families of the Quantum House.



L to r: Alex Lohman, Eileen Pepple, Stuart Rimland, Josh Dockus, General Counsel Amy Borman, Matt Roberts, Jessica Galo, and Kyle Elliot with their wizardly wands after the mock trial.



Staff Attorneys and Interns with the children from the Quantum House.

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDERS

Administrative Orders amended July 1-September 30, 2016 are:

A.O. 11.104-7/16* - IN RE: SENIORITY LISTING OF JUDGES – as amended

A.O. 11.101-7/16 - IN RE: ASSIGNMENT OF JUDGES as amended effective July 1, 2016

A.O. 11.106-7/16 - IN RE: ALTERNATE ASSIGNMENTS as amended.

A.O. 3.501-7/16 - IN RE: PROCEDURE FOR FORFEITURE PROCEEDINGS

A.O. 4.101-7/16 - IN RE: ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES IN THE CRIMINAL DIVISION as amended

A.O. 4.502-7/16* - IN RE: CIRCUIT CRIMINAL CASE ASSIGNMENT– as amended

A.O. 5.308-7/16 - IN RE: ADMINISTRATIVE CHILD SUPPORT CASES as amended

A.O. 5.702-7/16 - IN RE: FAMILY DRUG COURT, as amended.

A.O. 11.101-8/16 - IN RE: ASSIGNMENT OF JUDGES as amended

A.O. 11.106-8/16 - IN RE: ALTERNATE ASSIGNMENTS as amended.

A.O. 11.104-8/16 - IN RE: SENIORITY OF JUDGES as amended

A.O. 5.101-8/16 - IN RE: UNIFIED FAMILY COURT JURISDICTION as amended.

A.O. 11.203 - 9/16* IN RE: APPOINTMENT OF MAGISTRATES as amended

A.O. 3.102 - 9/16 - IN RE: CASE DISTRIBUTION COUNTY CIVIL

A.O. 5.109-9/16; IN RE: DATE OF BIRTH FORM FOR UNIFIED FAMILY COURT IDENTIFICATION as entered

A.O. 11.702-9/16 - IN RE: CODE OF CONDUCT FOR NONJUDICIAL COURT EMPLOYEES as amended

A.O. 11.701-9/16 - IN RE: CIVIL RIGHTS COMPLAINT PROCEDURE as amended

For updates to the latest Administrative Orders (AOs) for the Fifteenth Judicial Circuit, please see our website at:

<http://15thcircuit.co.palm-beach.fl.us/web/guest/ao>.

WELCOME TO THE CIRCUIT

Viviane St. Onge	Creole Court Interpreter
Shamina Saemmer	Receptionist
Charmant Theodore	Creole Court Interpreter
Maria Stevens	Drug Court Manager
Kelly Rowley	Trial Court Law Clerk
Sarah Papadelias	Trial Court Law Clerk
Charlie Garabedian	Trial Court Law Clerk
Stephen Methe	Senior Secretary



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