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**Circuit Judge J. David Walsh announces his retirement**

Circuit Judge J. David Walsh announces that he will retire from the Seventh Judicial Circuit in Feb. 2016.

Judge Walsh has been on the bench since 2001 and served for four years as Chief Judge of the circuit, which includes Flagler, Putnam St. Johns and Volusia counties. He currently presides in Flagler County.

“I always have strived to be polite and fair to all litigants, to be prepared, and to rule in accord with the law and the facts as proven to me,” said Judge Walsh.

He received his undergraduate degree from the University of South Carolina and his law degree from the Wake Forest University School of Law. He served in the military, having flown more than 150 combat missions in southeast Asia as a bombardier/navigator in the A-6 “Intruder” aircraft. He retired as a Captain, U.S. Naval Reserve.

For nearly 25 years, he practiced civil litigation in Volusia County before his appointment to the circuit bench. As a judge, he presided in civil and felony divisions in Volusia County from 2001 to 2012. He was elected by his fellow judges to serve two terms as Chief Judge of the circuit. Since 2012, he has presided in the felony, child dependency and Drug Court divisions in Flagler County.

On July 6, he submitted his resignation to Gov. Scott, effective Feb. 29, 2016. Judge Walsh said he looks forward to retirement, during which he plans to travel with his family, attend Navy reunions, read, write and sharpen his musical skills. He plans to serve as senior judge.

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