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Circuit judges to make assignment changes July 1

Daytona Beach – Several circuit judges in Volusia County will be changing assignments effective July 1.

"It is important for judges to change divisions periodically for a variety of reasons. First and foremost, division reassignments give some judges the opportunity to refresh their knowledge about different legal disciplines and apply what each judge has learned as his or her career has progressed - which in turn makes them better judges," said Chief Judge William A. Parsons. "Other judges may become too familiar with a certain division, and it is helpful to the court and litigants that we take a fresh approach to the management of cases. There are also times when judges have special talents, experience or interests that the chief judge feels would better serve the public in a different division."

Parsons is one of the five judges changing assignments. He will be leaving his felony criminal division at the Daytona Beach Justice Center to hear civil cases at the City Island Courthouse Annex. Chief Judge Elect J. David Walsh will be moving from DeLand to a felony division at the Justice Center in Daytona Beach. Circuit Judge Frank Marriott will transfer out of the family court/dependency division to a felony docket in DeLand. Circuit Judge Margaret W. Hudson will assume a family/dependency division at City Island in Daytona Beach. Circuit Judge Randell H. Rowe III will move from City Island to DeLand to hear civil cases.

In Putnam County, Circuit Judge A. W. Nichols will move to a family division and continue to preside over adult drug court. Circuit Judge Edward E. Hedstrom will transfer to a criminal, civil and probate division. Judge David H. Foxman will be joining the Volusia County Court bench July 2 and will hear civil cases at the Volusia County Courthouse Annex at City Island in Daytona Beach. Assignments in Flagler and St. Johns counties will remain the same.

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