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**Charles David Hood, Jr. to take oath as Circuit Judge**

Charles David Hood Jr., currently a member of the state Legislature, will take his judicial oath of office **on Sept. 26**, becoming the newest circuit judge of the Seventh Judicial Circuit.

His investiture will be held 3:30 p.m. on Sept. 26 at the Ormond Beach Performing Arts Center, located at 399 N. U.S. Highway 1 in Ormond Beach.

This is a judicial proceeding and the circuit judges will be sitting *en banc*.

He was appointed by Gov. Rick Scott to fill the upcoming vacancy created by the retirement of Circuit Judge David B. Beck.

Judge-designate Hood will begin work on Oct. 6 and will preside over family law cases at the Volusia County Courthouse Annex at City Island in Daytona Beach.

He has been an attorney since 1978 and is a managing partner at Smith, Hood, Loucks, Stout, Bigman & Brock, P.A. in Daytona Beach. He was born in Fort Polk, Louisiana and moved to Florida in 1978. He received both his bachelor's and law degrees from the University of South Carolina. He served as mayor of Ormond Beach from 1994 to 1999 and an Ormond Beach city commissioner from 1992 to 1994. He was elected to the Florida House of Representatives in 2012.

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