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Judge R. Lee Smith to receive judicial robe and take public oath

Circuit Judge R. Lee Smith will have his investiture on Sept. 1, 2016 at the Club at Hammock Beach Resort in Palm Coast.

The newest judge of the Seventh Judicial Circuit will receive his judicial robe and be formally sworn in at the ceremony, scheduled for 4 p.m. at The Club at Hammock Beach Resort, 200 Ocean Crest Drive, Palm Coast.

This is a public judicial proceeding and the circuit judges will be sitting *en banc*, meaning with the full court participating. The media is invited to attend.

Judge Smith started work in May at the Kim C. Hammond Justice Center in Bunnell where he presides over family law cases in Division 47. He was appointed by Gov. Rick Scott to fill the vacancy created by the retirement of Judge J. David Walsh.

Before his appointment, Judge Smith served as an Assistant State Attorney and the Chief of the Traffic Homicide Division for the Fourth Judicial Circuit since 2009. He previously served as an Assistant State Attorney for the Seventh Judicial Circuit and as legislative counsel for Congressman Ander Crenshaw. He received his bachelor's degree from Florida State University and his juris doctor from the Florida Coastal School of Law in Jacksonville.

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