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**Circuit Judge Sandra C. Upchurch to be formally sworn in as judge**

Circuit Judge Sandra C. Upchurch, one of seven judges who has recently joined the Seventh Judicial Circuit, will have her investiture on Friday, Jan. 23.

Her formal swearing-in ceremony will take place 3 p.m. on Jan. 23 at the News-Journal Center, 221 N. Beach St., Daytona Beach.

This is a judicial proceeding and the circuit judges will be sitting *en banc*, meaning with the full court participating.

Last year, she qualified as a candidate for a circuit judge election and automatically won the seat as the sole candidate in that race. Her six-year term of office officially began Jan. 6.

Judge Upchurch presides over a civil division at the Volusia County Courthouse in DeLand. Her predecessor in that division, Judge Robert K. Rouse Jr., retired.

"As a litigator, I was always so very impressed by our local judiciary," said Judge Upchurch. "As a member of The Florida Bar Board of Governors, I quickly came to realize that our judges are highly respected all over the state.

"To be able to call those same judges 'colleagues' and 'friends' at this point in my career is a truly humbling experience," she said. "I am lucky indeed."

She earned her bachelor's degree in business from Boston College and her juris doctor from Stetson University College of Law. An attorney since 1994, she worked in private practice as a certified mediator for several years. She also worked for the Florida Office of the Attorney General and the city attorney's offices for Ormond Beach and Tallahassee.

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