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**Circuit Judge Raul A. Zambrano to serve as
Chief Judge of the 7th Judicial Circuit**

Circuit Judge Raul A. Zambrano will begin a two-year term as Chief Judge of the 7th Judicial Circuit beginning July 1.

Judge Zambrano was chosen by the 42 judges in the four-county circuit to take on this lead administrative role. He will continue his duties on the bench, where he currently hears felony cases in DeLand.

A judge since 2005, Zambrano succeeds Circuit Judge Terence R. Perkins, whose second term as chief judge ends June 30. Perkins will continue to hear felony cases in Daytona Beach.

Zambrano earned his bachelor's degree and two master's degrees from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University. He received his juris doctor from Stetson University. Prior to becoming a judge, he served as an Assistant State Attorney.

"We owe a debt of gratitude to Judge Perkins for his stewardship as chief judge over the past 4 years," Zambrano said. "Fifteen new judges took the bench during his chief judge tenure. We've also seen tremendous growth in our use of technology. Through it all, Judge Perkins led the circuit with a steady hand and unwavering commitment to the fair and efficient administration of justice. I'm honored that my colleagues have entrusted me with following in his footsteps."

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