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Circuit Judges Elizabeth A. Blackburn and Mary G. Jolley
to be formally sworn in as judge

Circuit Judges Elizabeth A. Blackburn and Mary G. Jolley will have their joint investiture on Fri., Feb. 12, 2016.

The new judges will receive their judicial robes and will be formally sworn in during the ceremony, scheduled for 3 p.m. Feb. 12 at the Museum of Arts and Sciences, 352 N. Nova Rd., Daytona Beach.

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.

Both judges were appointed to the circuit bench to fill vacancies and started work in DeLand in January.

Judge Jolley presides over juvenile delinquency, dependency and unified family court cases. She fills the vacancy created by the retirement of Circuit Judge C. McFerrin Smith. Judge Blackburn presides over family law cases and fills the vacancy created by the retirement of Circuit Judge William A. Parsons.

Before her appointment, Judge Jolley was an Assistant County Attorney for the Volusia County Attorney's Office and a Senior Assistant Attorney General. She earned her undergraduate degree from Marymount University, Arlington, Va., and her law degree from Seton Hall University School of Law, Newark, N.J. She is board certified in criminal appellate law. She worked as a law clerk for the late Honorable Robert H. Staton, of the Indiana Court of Appeals, and became a member of the Florida Bar in 1996.

Judge Blackburn worked in private practice for more than 20 years. She is board certified in marital and family law and has served as chair of the Family Law Rules Committee of the Florida Bar. She also worked as a prosecutor and homicide division chief in the State Attorney's Office of the Seventh Judicial Circuit. Judge Blackburn has an undergraduate and a master's degree from the University of Kansas and a juris doctor from Stetson University College of Law.

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