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DeLAND - The Seventh Judicial Circuit welcomed Circuit Judges Elizabeth A. Blackburn and Mary G. Jolley to the bench today.

The newly-appointed jurists officially started at the Volusia County Courthouse in DeLand, where they have been assigned.

Judge Jolley now 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 is presiding over family law cases and fills the vacancy created by the retirement of Circuit Judge William A. Parsons.

An investiture, a ceremony during which a new judge formally takes the oath of office, is scheduled for both of the new judges at 3 p.m. on Feb. 12, 2016 at the Museum of Arts and Sciences in Daytona Beach.

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.

The following changes in judicial assignments have also taken effect this month:

- Circuit Judge James R. Clayton takes over a criminal felony division in DeLand from Circuit Judge Randell H. Rowe III. Judge Clayton had previously been handling the juvenile delinquency, dependency and unified family court cases now assigned to Judge Jolley.
- Judge Rowe has been assigned to a civil division in DeLand. Judge Zambrano had been presiding over that division until he took over a criminal felony division last year.

- Division 32, which includes civil cases at the Volusia County Courthouse Annex in Daytona Beach, will remain vacant for the time being. Judge Parsons had been presiding in that division until his retirement in December. Civil cases in this division will continued to be heard as needed by other circuit judges or senior judges.

In February, Circuit Judge J. David Walsh is retiring and Circuit Judge Matthew M. Foxman will take over the felony, juvenile delinquency and dependency and Drug Court cases at the Kim C. Hammond Justice Center. Judge Walsh's vacancy will be filled by appointment.

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