DeLAND - The Seventh Judicial Circuit welcomes two newly appointed judges to the Volusia County bench - David A. Cromartie and A. Christian Miller.

Both of them worked at the State Attorney's Office of the 7th Judicial Circuit and were appointed on Feb. 9 by Gov. Rick Scott.

Judge-designate Cromartie will take his seat tomorrow, Feb. 21, and has been assigned a civil division at the Volusia County Courthouse Annex at City Island in Daytona Beach. He fills the vacancy created by the retirement of Judge Shirley A. Green. A Florida native and alumnus of Seabreeze High School, he received both his bachelor's and law degrees from the University of Florida. An attorney since 1998, he spent much of his legal career with the Office of the State Attorney in the Seventh Judicial Circuit. He handed misdemeanor and felony cases, worked on the career criminal unit and then served for five years as managing assistant state attorney for the juvenile and misdemeanor divisions in Daytona Beach. He also worked in private practice for seven years, handling criminal, family, personal injury and civil cases.

Judge-designate Miller will begin on March 1 and will preside over a civil division at the Volusia County Courthouse in DeLand. He fills the vacancy created by the appointment of Judge Steven Henderson to the circuit bench. He earned his bachelor's degree from the University of Tennessee and his juris doctor from the Stetson University College of Law. Admitted to the Florida Bar in 2006, he was a prosecutor in the State Attorney's Office in the 7th Circuit and worked in several divisions, including the drug unit, the career criminal unit, and the homicide unit. He also worked in a private law firm, litigating insurance claims, and interned for the Public Defender's Office in the 6th Judicial Circuit while in law school.