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**Circuit Judge Shawn L. Briese honored with statewide alternative dispute resolution award**

**Daytona Beach** – Circuit Judge Shawn L. Briese has received the Annual Sharon Press Excellence in Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) Award from the Florida Dispute Resolution Center. The award was presented to Briese, a family court judge based in Daytona Beach, at the center’s annual conference in Orlando Aug. 22.

In its first year, the award recognizes visionary leadership, professional integrity and unwavering devotion to the field of alternative dispute resolution in the state of Florida. The award is named after Sharon Press, longtime director of the Florida Dispute Resolution Center who left in July to become the director of the Hamline University School of Law Dispute Resolution Institute in St. Paul, Minn.

“In the last two decades, Judge Briese has been a champion for the profession and for professional mediators throughout the state,” said Kimberly Kosch of the Dispute Resolution Center in Tallahassee. “He is a man of honor, character and integrity. His leadership has elevated the practice of ADR in our state and placed Florida prominently in the national spotlight.”

Briese has been a circuit judge since 1990. In addition to his circuit court duties, Briese has led several Florida Supreme Court committees on alternative dispute resolution and mediation. He’s also been a member of the Mediator Qualifications Board since the board’s creation in 1992.

“The award represents more than two decades of stellar work by the most outstanding team that I have ever been a part of. I am very honored and humbled to be the inaugural recipient of the award,” Briese said. “Alternative Dispute Resolution is a much better way to resolve interpersonal conflicts than the adversary process. ADR provides a resource for parties to begin to communicate with each other to resolve their disputes. It also saves taxpayer dollars by removing successfully resolved cases from court dockets, and many times the results seem to last longer.”

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