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**Volusia County Court Judge H. Pope Hamrick Jr. to retire Dec. 31**

**Daytona Beach** – After 18 years on the Volusia County court bench, Judge H. Pope Hamrick Jr. will retire Dec. 31. Hamrick, 67, currently hears civil cases at the Volusia County Courthouse Annex at City Island in Daytona Beach.

“He is extremely versatile. He knows criminal law, civil law and everything in between,” said Chief Judge William A. Parsons. “Most importantly, he is the epitome of integrity. He will be missed as a teacher and mentor on the county bench, and we're already looking forward to his work as a senior judge.”

Elected to the bench in 1988, Hamrick was an assistant city attorney for the City of Daytona Beach, associate municipal judge for the City of Daytona Beach, assistant public defender and general master for the Seventh Judicial Circuit before becoming a judge. In addition to 37 years of public service in Volusia County, Hamrick was also in private practice as a sole practitioner and with the firm of Kinsey Vincent and Pyle.

Hamrick earned both his undergraduate and juris doctor degrees from Mercer University.

Active in the community, Judge Hamrick is a member of Central Baptist Church and the Seabreeze Kiwanis Club. He has also served on the boards of Stewart-Marchman Treatment Center and YMCA, Daytona Beach Planning Board and Main Street Redevelopment Commission. In addition to sitting as a senior judge, Hamrick plans to travel during his retirement.

In November, Dawn Fields was elected to fill Hamrick’s vacancy on the county court bench. She will begin hearing misdemeanor criminal cases at the Courthouse Annex at City Island in January.

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