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Circuit Judge Edward E. Hedstrom to retire in October

Palatka – Circuit Judge Edward E. Hedstrom has announced he will retire effective Oct. 1. Hedstrom, who was appointed in 2000, currently hears criminal and civil cases at the Putnam County Courthouse in Palatka. Before becoming a judge, Hedstrom was in private civil practice in Palatka. During his time on the bench, he has presided over all circuit court divisions. Hedstrom’s term ends in 2014.

“Judge Hedstrom has served the people of Putnam County and the Seventh Circuit with dedication to his judicial duties,” said J. David Walsh, chief judge of the Seventh Judicial Circuit. “All of his fellow judges hold him in the highest regard and wish him the very best in his retirement.”

According to the state Constitution, no judge shall serve after their 70th birthday except on a temporary assignment or to complete a term - of which one-half has already been served. Because Hedstrom’s 70th birthday will come before the half-way point in his current term, he faces mandatory retirement. His replacement will be named by the governor through the Judicial Nominating Commission process.

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