

**STATE OF FLORIDA  
SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT**

Flagler, Putnam, St. Johns & Volusia Counties  
Volusia County Courthouse  
101 N. Alabama Avenue  
DeLand, Florida 32724

**COURT COMMUNICATIONS**  
Court Administration

Phone: (386) 943-7074  
Fax: (386) 740-5141

**NEWS RELEASE**

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
April 26, 2010

Contact:  
Molly Justice, [mjustice@circuit7.org](mailto:mjustice@circuit7.org)  
MaryEllen Osterndorf  
(386) 255-9171

**Circuit Judge Margaret W. Hudson named Woman of the Year**

**DAYTONA BEACH** -- Circuit Judge Margaret W. Hudson has been named the 2010 Woman of the Year by the Volusia/Flagler Association for Women Lawyers (VFAWL). She will be presented with the honor at the association's monthly luncheon meeting May 13 at the Halifax River Yacht Club in Daytona Beach.

The association - which includes about 40 attorneys from Volusia and Flagler counties - selected Hudson because of her service to the people of Volusia and Flagler counties, substantial contributions to areas of importance to women and our community and outstanding service and recognition by peers in her profession.

"In the face of a public increasingly skeptical about the role of lawyers and judges in society, Judge Hudson typifies what we would want in any judge," the nomination stated. "Her intellect, dedication, leadership and passion for her community give her that "Atticus Finch" quality of integrity and trustworthiness."

Hudson joins Circuit Judge Julianne Piggotte and Volusia County Court judges Shirley A. Green and Belle B. Schumann in being named the association's Woman of the Year. Other past recipients include Cindy Clifford, Barbara Revels, Dr. Pamela Carbiener, Sylvia Sharps, Barbara Davis, Rosemarie Archibald, M.F. Warren and Kathleen Steele Tolleson.

Hudson, a circuit judge since 2006, currently presides over criminal cases at the Volusia County Courthouse in DeLand. A graduate of Wake Forest University and the University of Florida College of Law, Hudson worked for the U.S. Department of Justice, United States Trustee's Office in Orlando and was in private practice before becoming a judge. Hudson and her husband Dave reside in Port Orange.

In addition to honoring Hudson, the association will recognize Volusia County Health Department Director Dr. Bonnie Sorensen with its Distinguished Service Award at the May 13 meeting. For more information about the luncheon, contact MaryEllen Osterndorf at (386) 255-9171 or [osterndorflegal@yahoo.com](mailto:osterndorflegal@yahoo.com). The reservation deadline is 5 p.m., Monday, May 10.

###