



# The Docket Call

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### 2007 Interest Rate on Judgments or Decrees

Pursuant to §55.03(1), Florida Statutes, the Chief Financial Officer of the State of Florida sets the rate of interest payable on judgments or decrees, effective January 1 of each year.

Please be advised that the interest rate for calendar year 2007 has been set at 11 percent per annum or a daily rate of .0003014. This rate is effective Jan. 1.

If you have any questions, please contact the Vendor Ombudsman Section at (850) 413-5561.

## Justice Teaching to promote civics

There's a movement afoot across the state to promote civics in Florida's classrooms. And the teachers of these civics lessons may surprise you.

Judges and attorneys throughout Florida are joining the Justice Teaching effort, spearheaded by Florida Supreme Court Chief Justice R. Fred Lewis.

The idea is to pair legal professionals with every elementary, middle and high school in the state to promote an understanding of Florida's justice system and laws, develop critical thinking abilities and problem solving skills and demonstrate to students the effective interaction of our courts within the constitutional structure.

Chief Justice Lewis appointed a select committee of judges and other law-related professionals to oversee the Justice Teaching initiative. Circuit Judge Shawn L. Briese is coordinating efforts in the Seventh Circuit.

"It is frightening what a lot of students don't know about the justice system once they leave high school," Briese said. "As these students become adults, it will be hard to ensure that the greatest form of government this world has ever known will continue to exist without imparting that knowledge to them."

Justice Teaching volunteers will serve as a resource to schools to assist with classroom visits, teacher conferences, in-service trainings and



other law-related education needs.

No teaching experience is necessary. Volunteers only need to be attorneys or judges. CLE credit is available, and a time commitment of no more than two hours a month will be needed.

Other teaching tools will be supplied through a local training session and Web-based resources. Organizers expect to announce a training date in the Seventh Circuit soon.

For more information or to sign up, visit [www.justiceteaching.org](http://www.justiceteaching.org)



### An Honorable Tribute

Workers put the finishing touches on the courthouse signage at the Kim C. Hammond Justice Center in late December. Pictured are (from left): Flagler County Court Judge Sharon B. Attack, Court Administrator Mark Weinberg, Circuit Judge Kim C. Hammond, Jan Hammond and Flagler County Clerk of Court Gail Wadsworth. Learn more about Judge Hammond on page 9.



## Updated Division Assignments

The following circuit division assignments went into effect January 2, 2007:

Division 01	Judge Margaret W. Hudson
Division 02	Judge Robert K. Rouse Jr.
Division 04	Judge John V. Doyle
Division 05	Judge Hubert L. Grimes
Division 07	Judge James R. Clayton
Division 08	Judge J. David Walsh
Division 10	Judge C. McFerrin Smith III
Division 15 (west- Volusia County Unified Family Court)	Judge Hubert L. Grimes
Division 22 (east- Volusia County Juvenile Delinquency Drug Court)	Judge John W. Watson III
Division 23 (west- Volusia County Juvenile Delinquency Drug Court)	Judge James R. Clayton
Division 24 (Flagler County Adult Drug Court)	Judge Kim C. Hammond
Division 25 (Putnam County Adult Drug Court)	Judge A.W. Nichols III
Division 26 (St. Johns County Adult Drug Court)	Judge Wendy W. Berger
Division 27 (east- Volusia County Juvenile Dependency Drug Court)	Judge Frank Marriott
Division 28 (west- Volusia County Juvenile Dependency Drug Court)	Judge Hubert L. Grimes
Division 30	Judge Shawn L. Briese
Division 31	Judge Richard S. Graham
Division 32	Judge Randell H. Rowe III
Division 35	Judge S. James Foxman
Division 36	Judge Patrick G. Kennedy
Division 37	Judge John W. Watson III
Division 38	Judge Frank Marriott
Division 40	Judge Joseph G. Will
Division 41	Judge R. Michael Hutcheson
Division 42	Judge Julianne Piggotte
Division 43	Judge William A. Parsons
Division 45 (Volusia County Adult Drug Court)	Judge Joseph G. Will
Division 49	Judge Raul A. Zambrano
Division 50	Judge Kim C. Hammond
Division 52	Judge Terrill J. LaRue
Division 53	Judge A.W. Nichols III
Division 54	Judge Edward E. Hedstrom
Division 55	Judge J. Michael Traynor
Division 56	Judge Wendy Berger
Division 57	Judge John M. Alexander
Division 58	Judge Clyde E. Wolfe

The following county division assignments went into effect January 2, 2007:

Division 60	Judge Sharon B. Atack
Division 62	Judge Peter T. Miller
Division 63	Judge Elizabeth A. Morris
Division 65	Judge Patti Christensen
Division 66	Judge Charles J. Tinlin
Division 70	Judge Peter F. Marshall
Division 71	Judge Shirley A. Green
Division 72	Judge John R. Smith
Division 78	Judge Mary Jane Henderson
Division 80	Judge David B. Beck
Division 81	Judge Peter A.D. McGlashan
Division 82	Judge Steven deLaroche
Division 83	Judge Belle B. Schumann
Division 84	Judge Stasia Warren
Division 85	Judge Dawn P. Fields



## Courts planning now for pandemic influenza

While Nov. 30 marked the end of the 2006 hurricane season, emergency management officials continue to stay on guard for other calamities such as pandemic influenza.

Court managers and judges have attended trainings and workshops about pandemic influenza and how the courts should respond in the event of an outbreak.

The Office of the State Courts Administrator has drafted a document, "Florida State Courts Strategy for Pandemic Influenza: Keeping the Courts Open in a Pandemic" that outlines protocols for courts throughout the state. This document emphasizes the courts' overall mission to keep the

courts open while protecting the health and safety of everyone inside our court facilities.

It is important that employees acquaint themselves with protocol and think about preparedness now.

One of the most critical things to remember is that you need to limit the spread of germs by:

- staying home if you're sick
- avoiding people who are sick as much as possible
- covering coughs and sneezes with a tissue
- washing hands frequently using soap, water and time (at least 10 seconds)

Some things you can do to prepare yourself and your

family for pandemic influenza are similar to that of hurricanes. Other issues are more specific to pandemic influenza: talk about who would take care of sick family members, determine what supplies would be needed during a pandemic, make sure you have adequate information about your family's health conditions, medicines, blood types, etc.

For more information — [www.PandemicFlu.gov](http://www.PandemicFlu.gov) [www.flcourts.org/gen\\_public/emergency/](http://www.flcourts.org/gen_public/emergency/)

Florida courts emergency information page and backups [www.floridasupremecourt.org/emergency.html](http://www.floridasupremecourt.org/emergency.html) [Www.firn.edu/supct](http://Www.firn.edu/supct)

## Courthouse improvements continue circuitwide

Facility improvements at courthouses throughout the Seventh Circuit continued as 2006 came to a close.

New carpet was installed in three judges' offices (Rooms 292, 294 and 297), the public stairwell and the second floor public corridor at the Volusia County Justice Center in Daytona Beach.

New carpet was also installed in the first and fourth floor public corridors at the Volu-

sia County Courthouse in DeLand.

A new generator was installed at the St. Johns County Courthouse in St. Augustine, while new air conditioning units were installed at the Volusia County Courthouse Annex in Daytona Beach.

The project to replace the fire sprinkler system at the Volusia County Courthouse in DeLand continues. The pro-

ject is expected to last another six to eight months.

Construction of the new Kim C. Hammond Justice Center (Flagler County Courthouse) in Bunnell continues. The project is currently slated for completion in the summer/fall of 2007.

Many thanks to County Facilities Services staffs for assisting with these improvements.

## Around the Courthouse: Drug Court

Part of the “Around the Courthouse” series of departmental profiles from around the Circuit.

One way the courts system tries to break the cycle of drug-related crime is through Drug Courts. The Seventh Judicial Circuit administers adult Drug Court programs in Flagler, Putnam, St. Johns and Volusia counties. Volusia County also supports delinquency and dependency Drug Court programs.

Drug Courts are a partnership between many agencies including Court Administration, the judiciary, State Attorney’s Office, Public Defender’s Office, clerks of court, Department of Corrections, Department of Juvenile Justice, Department of Children and Families and various treatment providers. These teams work together to eliminate substance abuse from the lives of eligible defendants and, in turn, their families and friends.

With help from their Drug Court team, participants go through a multi-phased program that includes frequent random drug testing, office visits and support groups. The program length varies with each participant, and most graduates have their charges dropped upon graduation.

To support Drug Court, Court Administration employs a program manager, support staff, coordinators and officers who are based at various courthouse locations in the circuit. Staff works closely with the circuit judges who preside over Drug Court. Judges currently presiding over drug court include: Circuit Judge Wendy W. Berger, Circuit Judge James R. Clayton, Circuit Judge Hubert L. Grimes, Circuit Judge Kim C. Hammond, Circuit Judge Frank Marriott, Circuit Judge A.W. Nichols, Circuit Judge John W. Watson III and Circuit Judge Joseph G. Will.

In addition to appearing in court, Drug Court staff meet with participants to offer assistance or counsel as needed. Working together with community groups and integrating case processing with treatment services are other aspects of the program.

Through team meetings and other communication, officers monitor participants’ progress or lack thereof. Good attitudes and behavior are rewarded, while violations are acknowl-

edged by the court with sanctions which may include jail time.

Success in drug court requires offenders to truly participate in the program, according to Drug Court Program Manager Mike Jewell. “Frequent hearings in front of a drug court judge, as often as once a week, are arguably the most important aspect.”

Since its inception in 1997, the Volusia County Adult Drug Court Program has had a 62 percent retention rate and 75 percent of graduates have not been arrested again for a felony offense. While the Volusia adult drug court program is in its tenth year, the Circuit’s newest drug court program began in Flagler County in December.

In St. Johns County, Drug Court officially began in 2002 – although committed individuals in the community began their work several years before. With 29 graduates, St. Johns County Adult Drug Treatment Division Coordinator Ralph Cumberbatch is particularly proud of the mothers who gave birth to substance-free babies while in the program.

“The best thing about my job is that I get paid to do what I love to do,” said Cumberbatch. “The best thing about drug court—the individual change.”



West Volusia Adult Drug Court team members meet with Circuit Judge Joseph G. Will before a recent court session to discuss the participants’ weekly progress.



## Congratulations

Clyde E. Wolfe won election as a Circuit Judge (Group 27) for the judgeship created by the 2006 Florida Legislature. Judge Wolfe assumed office on Jan. 2, and is currently sitting in St. Augustine.

Dawn P. Fields won election as a Volusia County Court Judge (Group 5) for the judgeship vacated by Volusia County Court Judge H. Pope Hamrick Jr. Judge Fields assumed office on Jan. 2, and is currently sitting in Daytona Beach.

Judge Hubert L. Grimes was appointed to the Florida State Court's Judicial Management Council.

Judge David B. Beck was named Administrative County Court Judge in Volusia County.

Michael Jewell, Drug Court Coordinator, was appointed to the Florida State Court's Task Force on Treatment-Based Drug Courts.

Deborah Brownell and Carman Gaetanos, Court Reporters, received designations as *Florida Professional Reporters* by the Florida Court Reporters Association.

Maria L. Ritz, freelance interpreter in the Seventh Judicial Circuit, has passed the Consortium Qualification Examination for Spanish Language Court Interpreters.

## Items of Interest

The Florida Supreme Court issued its annual certification opinion and certified the need for three additional circuit judges in the Seventh Judicial Circuit. In the December opinion, the Court certified the need for 22 additional circuit judges and 13 additional county court judges statewide. The issue will be presented to the 2007 Florida Legislature for its consideration this spring.

The Volusia County Council has approved more than \$16.7 million in funding to implement a new integrated criminal justice information system.

*Mediation Week* was celebrated throughout the State of Florida from Oct. 15 to 21.

The 2006 hurricane season concluded on Nov. 30. The season had slightly less than average activity and was characterized by nine named storms and five hurricanes.

The 2006-07 Florida State Employees' Charitable Campaign and corresponding county United Way Campaigns concluded. Thanks to all who participated and to those who coordinated our efforts.

The Volusia County Courthouse Annex in Daytona Beach and the St. Johns County Courthouse in St. Augustine were featured in a 2007 calendar of Florida courthouses published by Magna Research Consultants. They are the featured courthouses for the months of March and June respectively.

A group of Volusia County judicial assistants donated stuffed animals to the Guardian Ad Litem program during the holidays.

Shirts bearing the Seventh Judicial Circuit Court's logo are available for purchase. Order forms may be obtained from Human Resources.

## Personnel Notes

### New Hires

Jimmy Hernandez  
Court Services Officer I  
Teen Court  
Volusia County  
10/23/06

### Separations/Retirements

Jean Dwyer  
General Magistrate  
Family Court Services  
Volusia County  
12/31/06

Annette Pitts  
Child Support Hearing Officer  
Family Court Services  
Volusia County  
11/16/06

## Time to update your address books

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Judge Steven N.J. deLaroche  
Volusia County Courthouse Annex  
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Daytona Beach, FL 32114  
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### Putnam County recognizes JA for longtime service

The Putnam County Commission recently recognized Patty Varnes, judicial assistant to Putnam County Court Judge Peter T. Miller, with a reserved parking space at the Putnam County Courthouse for her 38 years of service. Varnes retired Dec. 31, but will be back on the job in February.

Griffis, judicial assistant to Circuit Judge A.W. Nichols. “We definitely miss her around here.”

Varnes began her career as a judicial assistant in 1968 working for Putnam County Court Judge William Warren. She continued working for Judge Miller when he took the bench in 1985.

“We hope she doesn’t get too comfortable being retired for the month of January,” said Glenda

## Law 101



Circuit Judge C. McFerrin Smith III speaks to newspaper reporters and editors about death penalty trials as part of the Circuit's Law School for Journalists program. The monthly program is designed to give 'law 101' lessons to members of the media who cover the court throughout the circuit.

## Calendar of Events

**January 1** - New Year's Day  
(Holiday)

**January 3-5** - Florida County  
Court Judges Conference  
(Amelia Island)

**January 5** - Circuit Judges  
Meeting (Volusia County)  
(Daytona Beach)

**January 7-12** - Florida Judi-  
cial College (Phase I)  
(Orlando)

**January 15** - Dr. Martin Lu-  
ther King Jr. Day (Holiday)

**January 19** - Judge Fields'  
Investiture (Bethune-Cookman  
College)

**January 24-28** - Judicial As-  
sistants Association of Florida  
Conference (Lakeland)

**January 26** - New Employee  
Orientation (Courthouse An-  
nex, Daytona Beach)

**February 2** - Circuit Judges  
Meeting (Shad Dinner)  
(Welaka)

**February 9** - Judge Wolfe's  
Investiture (Flagler College)

**February 16** - Volusia County  
Court Judges Meeting  
(Daytona Beach)

**March 2** - Circuit Judges  
Meeting (Volusia County)  
(Daytona Beach)

**March 6** - Florida Legisla-  
ture Convenes

**March 11-16** - Florida Judi-  
cial College (Phase II)  
(Orlando)

**March 16** - Volusia County  
Court Judges Meeting  
(Daytona Beach)

## Volusia County Court Judge H. Pope Hamrick Jr. retires

**F**riends and colleagues gathered at the Volusia County Courthouse Annex in December to wish Volusia County Court Judge H. Pope Hamrick Jr. well in his retirement.

After 18 years on the Volusia County court bench, Judge Hamrick retired Dec. 31. His last assignment was hearing 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."



Judge Hamrick (right) catches up with Volusia County Court Judge Mary Jane Henderson (left) and Circuit Judge R. Michael Hutcherson during his retirement luncheon.

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.



### Teen Court Award

Volusia County Teen Court in DeLand recognized longtime volunteer Judge Tom Portuallo with the Judge Joseph G. Will Teen Court Founders Award in December. Judge Portuallo, a workers compensation judge, is joined by his daughter, Christina; Teen Court Coordinator Shirley Santillana (middle); and Teen Court volunteer Joe O'Brien (right). Volusia County Teen Court in Daytona Beach also recognized its volunteer students and adults during an awards ceremony in December.



## Judicial Profile: Circuit Judge Kim C. Hammond

*Part of a series of judicial profiles from around the Circuit.*

**Q:** *How long have you been a judge?*

**A:** I went many years without considering being a judge. The dean at FSU's law school said he could see me being a judge and sort of planted the seed. A position came open when Judge Melvin Orfinger was elevated to the 5th DCA so I applied and got the appointment in 1979.

**Q:** *Are you a Flagler County native?*

**A:** No, I was born in Miami and grew up in Melbourne. I went to school in Tallahassee and moved to Daytona Beach in 1972. We moved to Flagler after I was appointed to the bench.

**Q:** *What do you enjoy most about being a judge?*

**A:** Even the little things are pretty satisfying. The most rewarding part of the job is knowing that you've done the right thing at the end of the day, even if your decisions may go against other pressures and influences surrounding you.

**Q:** *What was law school like for you?*

**A:** I entered law school the winter after earning my undergraduate degree. I played football for FSU and went on to play professional football for the Miami Dolphins and Boston Patriots while going to law school. I also attended basic training for the Army Reserves during those years. After a few years of this - and some injuries - the dean told me I needed to stop playing football and finish my legal studies. It was time for me to retire.

**Q:** *Are there any similarities between football and the practice of law?*

**A:** There are certain qualities that help you in both professions. As both a judge/attorney and quarterback, you have to disassociate yourself from emotions and distractions and focus on execution. You have to understand strategies to make it through a case or game. While you might be coaxed, you have to remind yourself to keep your head. Both professions occur in a competitive environment so you have to have the ability to keep your cool.

**Q:** *What do you think about the new courthouse in Bunnell?*

**A:** It is most impressive. We spent a lot of time planning so it would be an efficient and secure courthouse. Things didn't happen overnight. I had to learn to accept that and trust that our local government would meet the needs when the time was right. The courthouse stands to be a public building in this county for many, many years to come.

**Q:** *Do you have a family?*

**A:** Yes, my wife, Jan, and I have three grown children. Our oldest, Paige, is an attorney and mother in Orlando. Our son, Todd, is a real estate agent locally. Our other daughter, Amanda, is an attorney in Atlanta. We have two grandchildren, Thomas and Eva.

**Q:** *What other interests do you have?*

**A:** In addition to being active in judicial education, I play the bagpipes and enjoy some sports like golf and hunting.



Judge Kim C. Hammond

## Speaking Engagements of the Seventh Judicial Circuit Racial and Ethnic Fairness Workgroup Community Outreach Subcommittee

As part of the Seventh Judicial Circuit's diversity efforts, the Community Outreach Subcommittee keeps track of the speaking engagements by judicial and Court Administration personnel. The listings below are an example of how judges and employees work in the community to create a heightened awareness of the court system through informative talks and tours.

If you are interested in volunteering for the Community Outreach Speakers' Bureau, have information regarding a past speaking engagement, or know of a community group that would be interested in hearing about the Court, please contact Molly Justice at (386) 239-7837 or [mjustice@circuit7.org](mailto:mjustice@circuit7.org).

### **Youth and Schools**

10/16/06—Paralegal students from Keiser College observed court before Circuit Judge Julianne Piggotte and Circuit Judge Joseph G. Will at the Volusia County Justice Center in Daytona Beach.

10/18/06— Court Administration hosted students from New Smyrna Beach High School who met with Assistant State Attorney Jackie Roys and Volusia County Judge Belle B. Schumann at the Justice Center and City Island Annex in Daytona Beach.

10/23/06—Circuit Judge C. McFerrin Smith III spoke to students in the ELS program at Stetson University about the American courts system at the Volusia County Courthouse in DeLand.

10/24/06—Students from Matanzas High School in Palm Coast visited the Flagler County Courthouse in Bunnell and met with Circuit Judge Kim C. Hammond and Flagler County Court Judge Sharon B. Atack. They also observed first appearances, misdemeanor and felony proceedings.

10/24/06—Court Administrator Mark Weinberg spoke about the state courts system to law studies students at DeLand High School.

10/25/06—Court Administration hosted Brownie Troop 2084 and 850 from DeLand at the Volusia County Courthouse in DeLand. Volusia County Court Judge Shirley A. Green spoke to the group about the courts system.

10/31/06—Chief Judge William A. Parsons met with students from Bethune-Cookman College observing felony proceedings at the Volusia County Justice Center in Daytona Beach.

11/1/06—Corrections officers attending Daytona Beach Community College observed sentences before Circuit Judge Julianne Piggotte at the Volusia County Justice Center in Daytona Beach.

11/21/06—Volusia County Court Judge Peter F. Marshall met with Cub Scouts from Den 1, Pack 725 in DeLand at the Volusia County Courthouse in DeLand. The scouts learned about the courts system and various staff in the courtroom.

12/8/06—Volusia County Court Judge Peter A.D. McGlashan visited the Palmetto Park Boys & Girls Club in Daytona Beach.

12/13/06—Law Studies students from DeLand High School visited the Volusia County Courthouse in DeLand. Law Clerk Laura Rushin presided over the group's mock trial before the students learned about jury service from Circuit Judge Robert K. Rouse Jr. Drug Court Manager Mike Jewell spoke about the Drug Court program, and the students observed a session of adult drug court before Circuit Judge Joseph G. Will.

### **Community Associations/Professional Engagements**

10/4/06—Chief Judge William A. Parsons, Volusia County Court Judge Peter A.D. McGlashan, Pretrial Services Manager Chris Bunting, Volusia County Corrections Director Cindy Clifford and Volusia County Public Information Director Dave Byron participated in the Circuit's Law School for Journalists program at the Volusia County Branch Jail.

10/24/06—Court Administration hosted the Volusia County Citizens Academy at the Volusia County Courthouse in DeLand. In addition to hearing from court managers, the group met with Court Administrator Mark Weinberg, Circuit Judge Joseph G. Will, Circuit Judge Robert K. Rouse Jr. and Circuit Judge Hubert L. Grimes.

10/27/06—The Interpreters Unit hosted a Court Interpreters Pre-Orientation session to discuss the role of a court interpreter, professional issues and certification, with prospective freelance interpreters at the Volusia County Courthouse in DeLand.

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## Employee of the Quarter: Israel Gonzalez

Court Administration is pleased to name Israel Gonzalez as the Employee of the Quarter for the fourth quarter of 2006.

“He has been a tremendous help with the case management duties in our office,” wrote Shirley Santillana, Volusia County Teen Court Coordinator. “In addition to his regular responsibilities, he helps with the East Side, assists with case management and does not hesitate to pick up additional responsibilities without prompting. He never complains about his work and brings his pleasant demeanor daily. Israel always takes the initiative and works independently.”

Only nominations that describe how your nominee has demonstrated *exceptional performance* and/or how they have gone *above and beyond the call of duty* will be considered for this award.

Fourth quarter 2006 nominations must be received by March 16. Please send nominations to the attention of Anne Landolfa, Personnel, Courthouse Annex, 125 E. Orange Ave., Suite 300, Daytona Beach 32114. You may also E-mail your nominations to [alandolfa@circuit7.org](mailto:alandolfa@circuit7.org). Eligible employees include staff Court Reporters, Judicial Staff Attorneys and other Court Administration Staff. Judges, Judicial Assistants and Managers are not eligible.

### One-on-One with Israel Gonzalez

**Title:** Court Services Officer I, Volusia County Teen Court

**Location:** Volusia County Courthouse, DeLand

**Years with Court Administration:** Nearly two years

**Duties:** Meet with defendants who have been referred to Teen Court to explain the requirements of the program. Prepare court documents. Identify community service projects for Teen Court clients.

**Best part of job:** To see clients successfully complete the program and observe a positive change in their behavior. It is always rewarding when a parent thanks you for the time you've spent with their child.

**Prior work experience:** I have worked in personal and commercial insurance for several years and held different titles and responsibilities.

**Personal:** I've been married to my beautiful wife, Jeanette, for six years and have two daughters, Edith and Rachael. I also have two Maltese dogs, Squeakie and Nemo.



Israel Gonzalez

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### Community Associations/Professional Engagements

11/2/06—Circuit Judge Frank Marriott and Circuit Judge Hubert L. Grimes appeared before the Volusia County Council to accept a National Adoption Month proclamation.

11/8/06—Volusia County Court Judge H. Pope Hamrick Jr. and Retired Circuit Judge Robert P. Miller spoke to attorneys at the Volusia County Bar Traditions Dinner at the LPGA Clubhouse in Daytona Beach.

11/17/06—Circuit Judge Hubert L. Grimes, Community Based Care of Volusia/Flagler Counties CEO Ron Zychowski and Department of Children and Families District Administrator Reggie Williams spoke at an Adoption Day celebration at the Volusia County Courthouse in DeLand.

11/21/06—Circuit Judge C. McFerrin Smith III, State Attorney John Tanner and Public Defender Jim Purdy met with reporters and editors during the Circuit's Law School for Journalists program at the Volusia County Courthouse in DeLand.

11/21/06—Volusia County Court Judge Shirley A. Green swore in new and re-elected Volusia County School Board members in DeLand.



## Security Notes



Security screening stations are located in the Flagler County Courthouse, Putnam County Courthouse, St. Johns County Judicial Center, Volusia County Courthouse, Volusia County Justice Center, Volusia County Courthouse Annex (City Island) and Volusia County Courthouse Annex (New Smyrna Beach). During the fourth quarter of 2006 (October—December) the following weapons were detected :

Location	Firearms	Knives	Scissors	Other	Total
Flagler County Courthouse	0	421	82	725	1,228
Putnam County Courthouse	0	386	63	214	663
St. Johns County Judicial Center	0	370	31	83	484
Volusia County Courthouse	0	318	119	303	740
Volusia County Justice Center	0	108	41	70	219
Volusia County Courthouse Annex (City Island)	0	411	108	160	679
Volusia County Courthouse Annex (New Smyrna Beach)	0	203	18	30	251
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2,217</b>	<b>462</b>	<b>1,585</b>	<b>4,264</b>

During calendar year 2006, the following weapons were detected at each location:

Location	Firearms	Knives	Scissors	Other	Total
Flagler County Courthouse	2	1,831	493	2,899	5,225
Putnam County Courthouse	0	1,483	212	613	2,308
St. Johns County Judicial Center	0	1,418	158	340	1,916
Volusia County Courthouse	0	2,064	578	1,206	3,848
Volusia County Justice Center	0	521	149	253	923
Volusia County Courthouse Annex (City Island)	1	1,755	381	663	2,800
Volusia County Courthouse Annex (New Smyrna Beach)	2	711	125	170	1,008
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>9,783</b>	<b>2,096</b>	<b>6,144</b>	<b>18,028</b>



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