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Circuit Judge J. David Walsh to again lead area judiciary as chief judge

Daytona Beach – Circuit Judge J. David Walsh will continue to lead the Seventh Judicial Circuit during a second term as chief judge beginning July 1.

Re-elected by the circuit and county court judges in Flagler, Putnam, St. Johns and Volusia counties, Walsh will have administrative supervision over all courts in the circuit during his two-year term. He also continues his duties on the circuit bench, where he currently hears felony criminal cases. Walsh's first term as chief judge ends June 30.

Walsh earned his juris doctor degree from Wake Forest University. After spending nearly 25 years in private practice as a civil trial attorney, he was appointed to the bench in 2001.

“These are extraordinary times in state government and the judiciary, in particular. Under the leadership of Chief Justice Peggy Quince, we’ve made great strides in our goal to establish stable, long-term funding for the courts. Without this, Florida courts cannot properly administer justice,” Walsh said. “While challenging at times, it has been an honor to serve the judges and residents of the Seventh Judicial Circuit as chief judge and I look forward to my continued service.”

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