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**Volusia County Court Judge John Roger Smith to retire in July**

**Daytona Beach** – Volusia County Court Judge John Roger Smith will end nearly 22 years on the bench when he retires July 5.

Smith, who was appointed to the bench in 1987, will be stepping down before his term ends in 2012. His replacement will be appointed by the Governor through the Judicial Nominating Commission process.

“Judge Smith has presided over thousands of important criminal and civil cases affecting the lives of our citizens. He is friendly, articulate, and considerate to everyone,” said J. David Walsh, chief judge of the Seventh Judicial Circuit. “I thank him for his dedicated service. He will be greatly missed on our county court bench.”

Before becoming a judge, Smith was in private practice in DeLand. During his time on the bench, he worked in all county court divisions and served as the administrative county judge. He currently hears civil cases at the Volusia County Courthouse in DeLand.

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