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Judges working to reduce jail population

Since 1997, the Volusia County Branch Jail has experienced steady increases in its daily inmate population. To help relieve jail overcrowding, leaders in the legal and corrections community have been working to reduce the number of inmates in the jail on violation of probation charges – which has ranged from 12 to 17 percent of the total population.



In coordination with the State Attorney and Public Defender, felony division judges adopted new policies to handle violations of probation last fall. Defendants charged with violations will be arraigned within 10 days of their arrest with the goal to resolve the entire case within 30 days of the ar-

raignment. New law violations, as well as technical violations, will be handled within the 40-day timeline.

In May, the jail population was just above 1,400 inmates – well below the facility's capacity of 1,494 and below the average daily population of 1,508 for 2004-05 and 1,493 for 2003-04.

“There are lots of factors that affect the jail popula-

tion, and it is hard to correlate this particular change directly with the improvement that has been seen,” said Chief Judge William A. Parsons. “We obviously have the benefit of an excellent Pretrial Services program that gives judges the confidence to release people who might not otherwise be candidates. Our judges are very active in trying to resolve cases early to mini-

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Hurricane season is here

Be sure to update your family disaster plan or create one if your family doesn't have one already. Forms are available to help you design a plan that will ensure the safety of you and your family in the event of an emergency. For more information, contact Human Resources at (386) 248-8105.

Judge Hudson sworn in during June 23 investiture

Circuit Judge Margaret W. Hudson was officially sworn in as a judge in front of family, friends and colleagues at the historic Volusia County Courthouse in DeLand June 23. Judge Hudson was appointed by Gov. Jeb Bush to fill a vacancy created with the retirement of Circuit Judge Edwin P.B. Sanders. Judge Hudson currently hears civil cases at the Volusia County Courthouse in DeLand.



Circuit Judge Margaret W. Hudson (left) takes her oath of office from Circuit Judge J. David Walsh (right) while her friend April Clark (middle) looks on. *(Photo courtesy of Volusia County Government)*

Updated Circuit Division Assignments

The following circuit division assignments went into effect May 12, 2006.

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 Hubert L. Grimes
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. Briesse
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 Wendy W. Berger
Division 56	Judge J. Michael Traynor
Division 57	Judge John M. Alexander

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mize unnecessary stays at the county jail, and all of these things work together. Nevertheless, since the implementation of the program, there has been a very positive downward trend in the jail population.”

Making a concerted effort to hear violation of probation cases sooner moves defendants out of the jail – either

by reinstating their probation or transferring them to state prison. The ultimate success of the plan will rely on changing the culture of how violations of probation are processed. Circuit Judge Kim C. Hammond has modeled a similar approach to handling violation of probation cases in Flagler County and has reported excellent results, Parsons said.

“These expedited procedures are used all over the state to address these same issues, including jail overcrowding,” Parsons said. “While outcomes have been very positive, the long-term success will depend on the vigilance of our felony judges and efforts to make them constantly aware of the competition for this valuable resource.”



Calendar of Events

July 4 - Independence Day Holiday

July 5-7 - Florida County Court Judges Conference (Orlando)

July 9-13 - National Association for Court Management Annual Conference (Fort Lauderdale)

July 19-21 - Judicial Resource Study Training (Palatka, St. Augustine, Daytona Beach, DeLand)

July 21 - Volusia County Court Judges Meeting (Daytona Beach)

July 26-30 - Judicial Assistants Association of Florida Conference (Lake Buena Vista)

July 28 - Seventh Circuit Night at Jackie Robinson Ballpark (Daytona Beach)

August 3-4 - Family Court Conference (Orlando)

August 18 - Volusia County Court Judges Meeting (Daytona Beach)

August 24-26 - Dispute Resolution Conference (Orlando)

September 1 - Circuit Judges Meeting (Palatka)

September 4 - Labor Day Holiday

September 15 - Constitution Day Observation—Supreme Court (Tallahassee)

September 15 - Volusia County Court Judges Meeting (Daytona Beach)

Justice Center restored, other facility improvements

A water leak caused extensive damage to several offices at the Volusia County Justice Center in Daytona Beach.

The leak was discovered May 21, and Volusia County Facilities personnel responded quickly.

Munters International, an indoor climate control company, was called on to dry/dehumidify the building.

Personnel in damaged offices were relocated during the restoration process, which is nearly complete.

In St. Johns County, a new loop road and parking area at the county courthouse/administration complex in St. Augustine has been completed.

The St. Johns County Courthouse re-roofing

project continues and is near completion.

The project to replace the fire sprinkler system in the Volusia County Courthouse in DeLand continues. The project is expected to last another 10 to 12 months.

Thanks to County Facilities Services staffs for assisting with these improvements.

Around the Courthouse: Human Resources

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

Whether you're a judge or employee of Court Administration, some of the first faces you encounter and voices you hear are those of Anne Landolfa and Tracy Woodman. As members of the Human Resources department, Landolfa and Woodman are the ones who help new employees maneuver their way through the sometimes confusing maze of employee benefits and new hire paperwork.

While the two-person department is up to handle any challenge, its main responsibilities include new employee recruitment, coordination of state benefits, state and county timekeeping, training, retire-

ment and employee relations. The department also assists members of the public and employees with ADA needs (Americans with Disabilities Act) and provides information to employees about tuition assistance.

"We wear many hats and perform a variety of functions," said Woodman, a five-year Court Administration employee. "If we don't know the answer, we will try to find it out."

Overseeing support for nearly 200 judges and state and county employees, a critical part to the department's success is maintaining good relations and partnerships with other offices and agencies. In addition to state agencies, the department acts as a liaison/coordinator between the four county governments in the Seventh Judicial Circuit.

"We are not a stand-alone function," said Landolfa, who has worked for Court Administration for nearly nine years. "Although we explain benefits and process payroll and benefits paperwork, we actually depend on other offices to input this information into the various county and state payroll and benefits systems."

To better acquaint new employees to the organization and its policies and procedures, the Human Resources department hosts a day-long orientation session several times a year.

"Orientation is an important step in helping new hires become properly grounded in the organization," Landolfa said. "Presentations are made by representatives of various departments in our organization, written and unwritten policies are discussed and new hires have a solid hour with the court administrator. What could be better than that?"

During orientation, Court Administrator Mark Weinberg discusses the structure of the state courts system and shares some of his philosophies about work ethic and public service. Employees are also schooled on policies and procedures and learn about workplace issues such as the definition and prevention of sexual harassment and discrimination. Throughout their career with Court Administration, employees also receive periodic training on workplace issues and customer service.

In addition to coordinating ongoing training, Landolfa is also available to counsel employees who are looking to advance their career or expand their skill sets.

"Professional development and enrichment is paramount in today's workplace. It's nice to work for an organization that can periodically offer training in important areas such as technology, communication and time management."



(From left) Human Resources Manager Anne Landolfa and Personnel Representative Tracy Woodman assist judges and employees with personnel issues and benefits paperwork.



Items of Interest

Judge Margaret Hudson's investiture ceremony took place June 23 at the historic Volusia County Courthouse in DeLand.

A Judicial Campaign Conduct Forum was held for judicial candidates May 19 in Daytona Beach. Chief Judge William A. Parsons, Circuit Judge Karen Cole (Fourth Circuit – JEAC Representative) and a representative of The Florida Bar conducted the forum. All three candidates for the Volusia County Court Judge – Group 5 seat attended.

The 2006 Florida Legislature created/funded 55 new judgeships (35 Circuit/20 County). The Seventh Judicial Circuit was allocated one Circuit judgeship. Candidates for the new judgeships will run for office in the 2006 primary/general election and will take office January 2, 2007. The successful candidate for Circuit Judge in the Seventh Judicial Circuit will begin his/her service in St. Johns County.

Chief Justice Pariente and Governor Bush issued a joint proclamation recognizing May 2006 as *National Drug Court Month* in Florida. Similar proclamations were issued by Putnam, St. Johns and Volusia counties, as well as the City of St. Augustine.

The Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) completed courtesy evaluations of the operations of the Volusia County Urinalysis Labs in Daytona Beach and DeLand.

The 2006 hurricane season started June 1 and runs through November 30. Hurricane experts predict an "active" season. Court personnel are encouraged to prepare/update/review Family Disaster plans and provide updated emergency contact information to Human Resources.

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

Congratulations

Judges Berger, Kennedy, Parsons, Smith, Traynor and Watson retained their seats on the Circuit bench. Judges Atack, Beck, deLaroche, Marshall, Miller, Schumann and Smith retained their seats on the County Court bench.

Judge Robert K. Rouse, Jr. was named *Central Florida Jurist of the Year* by the Central Florida Chapter of the American Board of Trial Advocates.

Court Reporters Louise Pomar, Rhonda Bounds, Stacey George and Suzette Kowalski received designations as *Florida Professional Reporters* by the Florida Court Reporters Association.

James Dinneen was chosen as the new county manager by the Volusia County Council.

Kim Barrs, Molly Justice, Anne Landolfa, Mark Weinberg and Tracey Woodman served as HOSTS (Helping One Student to Succeed) mentors at Bonner Elementary School in Daytona Beach during the 2005-06 school year.

Personnel Notes

New Hires

Teresa Crisp-Smith
Judicial Assistant—Judge Zambrano
Flagler County
4/24/06

Gina Rivers
Staff Assistant I
Pretrial Services—Assessment
Volusia County
5/8/06

Judge Margaret W. Hudson
Circuit Judge
Volusia County
5/15/06

Justin Ward
Digital Court Reporter
Volusia County
6/1/06

Sherry Bartholomew
Digital Court Reporter
Volusia County
6/5/06

Kristen Green
Court Services Officer I
UA Lab
Volusia County
6/5/06

Separations/Retirements

Gail Calleja
Judicial Assistant—Judge Graham
Volusia County
4/4/06

Beth King
Law Clerk
Volusia County
5/31/06

Tammy Heidt
Senior Court Services Officer
Drug Court
Volusia County
6/23/06



New Arrivals

General Magistrate Jean Dwyer and her husband Mitch Novas are the proud parents of a baby girl. Pheona Diane was born on May 31, 2006.

Judge Rouse named Central Florida Jurist of the Year



Circuit Judge Robert K. Rouse Jr. (left) was honored in May by the Central Florida Chapter of the American Board of Trial Advocates as its Central Florida Jurist of the Year. Judge Rouse is joined by chapter president Jerry Sutcliffe (middle) and Florida Supreme Court Justice Charles T. Wells (right).

Photo courtesy of Central Florida Chapter of the American Board of Trial Advocates.



Justices adopt judicial professionalism principles

The Florida Supreme Court has adopted the “Principles of Professionalism” for all judges in the state. Authored by Circuit Judge Robert K. Rouse Jr., the principles are part of the Supreme Court’s ongoing effort to enhance lawyers’ professionalism. The Court sent the principles to all three judicial conferences, and each conference individually approved the Principles of Professionalism.

The principles are as follows:

1. A judge should be courteous, respectful and civil to lawyers, parties, witnesses, court personnel, and all other participants in the legal process.
2. A judge should maintain control of the proceedings, recognizing that judges have both the obligation and the authority to ensure that all proceedings are conducted in a civil and respectful manner.
3. While endeavoring to resolve disputes efficiently, a judge should be considerate of the time constraints and pressures imposed on lawyers, parties and other participants in the legal process.
4. To the extent possible, a judge should be punctual in convening trials, hearings, meetings and conferences, and should, when practicable, promptly notify those affected if the judge becomes aware that there will be a significant delay.
5. A judge should permit a lawyer or self-represented party to properly present a cause and to make a complete and accurate record, free from unnecessary judicial interruption.
6. A judge should be courteous and respectful to other judges in speech and in written decisions and opinions, mindful that a position articulated by another judge is the result of that judge’s earnest effort to interpret the law and the facts correctly.
7. A judge should not impugn the integrity or professionalism of any lawyer on the basis of the lawyer’s clients or cause.
8. A judge should work cooperatively with other judges on matters relating to the availability of lawyers, parties, witnesses, or court resources, and the scheduling of proceedings.
9. A judge should refer to lawyers and adult parties and witnesses by surname preceded by the preferred title (as, Mr., Ms., Mrs., Miss, Dr.) or by professional title (as, counselor or Doctor) when conducting a trial or hearing.

Drug Court Month celebrated throughout circuit

Three counties in the Seventh Judicial Circuit joined national efforts to recognize May as national Drug Court Month. Programs in Volusia, Putnam and St. Johns counties were presented with county proclamations that celebrated the success of the circuit’s five adult, dependency and juvenile drug court programs.

The City of St. Augustine also recognized the drug court program with a proclamation.

The Volusia County Adult and Dependency drug courts graduated 15 participants during a May 16 ceremony. Volusia County Chair Frank Bruno spoke at the event and presented the county proclamation.

In Putnam County, drug court participants took part in the 5K Catfish Run.

Circuit judges Joseph G. Will and Wendy W. Berger also

authored pieces about drug court that appeared in *The Daytona Beach News-Journal* and *St. Augustine Record*.

In June, the State of Florida received the National Drug Court Month award from the National Association of Drug Court Professionals for its numerous statewide and local drug court month events and recognitions.

Judicial Profile: Circuit Judge Ed Hedstrom

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

Q: How long have you been a judge?

A: I was appointed on October 1, 2000. Before that, I was in private practice for 35 years. I was a general civil attorney and represented clients including the City of Palatka and Clerk of Court.

Q: What kind of ties do you have to Putnam County?

A: I was born and raised in Putnam County. I attended Palatka High School and St. Johns River Community College and earned my undergraduate and law degrees from the University of Florida.



Circuit Judge Ed Hedstrom

Q: What is the best part of being a judge?

A: The best part of being a judge is having the opportunity to affect peoples' lives in a positive manner.

Q: Do you have a family?

A: Yes, I'm married and have five children - the youngest two attend the University of Central Florida.

Q: Do you have any outside interests?

A: I've been involved with the Rodeheaver Boys Ranch since 1968 and sit on the board of directors. I enjoy jogging and backpacking. I've done quite a bit of hiking on the Appalachian Trail. I want to hike the entire trail (2,160 miles) when I retire.

Q: Which judicial assignment have you enjoyed most while on the bench?

A: I've enjoyed them all. I spent 18 months in the

family division, three years in a split criminal/civil division and now am back in the family division.

Q: What's the most interesting case you've heard as a judge?

A: The most interesting case I've heard was a civil jury trial for breach of contract that lasted seven days. The judgment was later upheld by both the Fifth District Court of Appeal and Florida Supreme Court.

Q: What was it like to have one of your trials (State of Florida v. Justin Barber) aired live on national television recently?

A: In the courtroom, we didn't see anything because of the way the cameras and microphones were positioned and concealed. I think this sort of coverage helps people appreciate the courts system.

Employees of the Quarter: Al Surukhkaka, Tammy Mancini

Court Administration is pleased to name Al Surukhkaka and Tammy Mancini as the Employees of the Quarter for the second quarter of 2006.

"Al exemplifies team work ... Recently, the Pretrial Service office was damaged due to a flood. Al went beyond his job responsibilities and helped move furniture and office materials to our new office. Not only does Al help out anyone who needs it, but he does it with a smile and is always very courteous, even if it is not in his job description," wrote Jannine Kilgard of Volusia County Pretrial Services.

"Tammy Mancini has proven herself to be a dedicated employee. She always goes above and beyond to get the job done and done thoroughly and properly. She observed the Case Management system in St. Johns County with Judge Alexander and assisted with implementation here in Volusia County. The program is a success due, in part, to Tammy's hard work and eager commitment," wrote Circuit Judge Shawn L. Briese.

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.

Third quarter 2006 nominations must be received by September 8. 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. 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 Al Surukhkaka

Title: Judicial Information Services Coordinator

Location: Daytona Beach Justice Center

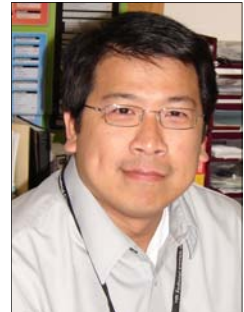
Years with Court Administration: Less than one year

Duties: Provide technical support for Personal Computer (PC) hardware and software activities. Develop software solutions through programming.

Best part of job: I've always enjoyed the process of troubleshooting and working with great people.

Prior work experience: I was a member of IT Technical Support at the Parker Hannifin Corporation for the past six years.

Personal: Married, no children. I love spending time with my family and closest friends.



Al Surukhkaka

One-on-One with Tammy Mancini

Title: Court Program Specialist (Case Manager)

Location: Daytona Beach Courthouse Annex

Years with Court Administration: One year and three months

Duties: Monitor domestic relations cases from filing to disposition measuring case progress with appropriate time standards

Best part of job: The best part about my job is attending case management conferences because I enjoy being in the courtroom.

Prior work experience: I worked for the Clerk's Office for 14 years in a number of areas, however, my last position was supervisor of the Family Law Division.

Personal: I have been married to my husband Allen for seven years and we have four dogs (Molly, Mindy, Maya and Macy)



Tammy Mancini

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.

Youth and Schools

- 3/30/06 – St. Johns County Court Judge Patti Christensen read to students at Ocean Palms Elementary School in Ponte Vedra Beach as part of Read Across America.
- 4/6/06 – St. Johns County Court Judge Patti Christensen hosted the St. Johns County Leadership group in her courtroom.
- 4/10/06 – Circuit Judge Patrick G. Kennedy and Circuit Judge John W. Watson III met with Campbell Middle School students visiting the Volusia County Courthouse Annex at City Island as part of a Rotary Club project. Students also met with Assistant State Attorney Dustin Havens and Assistant Public Defender Alicia Washington.
- 4/20/06 – Molly Justice, court communications officer, hosted a business class from DBCC at the Volusia County Courthouse.
- 4/26/06 – Volusia County Court Judge Peter A.D. McGlashan spoke at the Atlantic High School seniors' honor banquet at the Plaza Resort.
- 4/28/06 – Circuit Judge C. McFerrin Smith III met with students from Orange City Elementary School at the Volusia County Courthouse. Teen Court Coordinator Shirley Santillana and two teen volunteers – Dan O'Brien and Brittany Mann - spoke to students and assisted with a mock trial.
- 5/2/06 – Claudia Villalba, supervising court interpreter, spoke to ESOL students at DBCC's Deltona campus about interpreting.
- 5/5/06 – Court Administration hosted a law studies class from DeLand High School at the Volusia County Courthouse. The visit included a Drug Court presentation from manager Mike Jewell, tour of the UA lab with Doug Pearson and a mock trial with Assistant State Attorney Josh Zelman.
- 5/9/06 – Circuit Judge Hubert L. Grimes spoke to graduates of the Daytona Beach Community College Adult Education program at the Bethune-Cookman Performing Arts Center.
- 5/12/06 – Court Administration hosted a group from Blue Lake Elementary School at the Volusia County Courthouse. The visit included a talk from Volusia County Court Judge Peter Marshall, a mock trial and Teen Court presentation by coordinator Shirley and volunteers Dan O'Brien and Miranda Fick.
- 6/26/06—Court Administration hosted girls from Girl Scout Troop 1972 at the City Island Annex. The girls heard from mediator Suzanne Ronneau, Teen Court coordinator Joy Keyes and Volusia County Court Judge Stasia Warren.

Community Associations/Professional Engagements

- 4/13/06 – Circuit Judge S. James Foxman spoke at the Volusia Flagler Association of Women Lawyers (VFAWL) meeting.
- 4/17/06 – Volusia County Court Judge Belle B. Schumann appeared on the Rice & Rose Legal Forum on WNDB AM 1150.
- 4/20/06 – Circuit Judge Hubert L. Grimes opened a town hall meeting for the Community Agenda at the DeLand Public Library.
- 4/20/06 - Judge Sharon Attack spoke on "Perception .. How you are perceived is who you are" at a meeting of the Business and Professional Women/Flagler County.
- 4/24/06 – Circuit Judge Robert K. Rouse Jr. appeared on the Rice & Rose Legal Forum on WNDB AM 1150.
- 4/25/06—Chief Judge William A. Parsons spoke to members of the Port Orange/South Daytona Leadership program.
- 6/9/06 – Volusia County Court Judge Shirley A. Green spoke at a VFAWL CLE program on eviction and other landlord/tenant issues that affect low-income people.

Law Week 2006: Liberty Under Law: Separate Branches, Balanced Powers

Judges and court staff celebrated Law Week throughout the Circuit during the following events:

4/28/06 – Judges Schumann, Watson, Kennedy, Walsh, Will and Parsons participated in *An Afternoon at the Courthouse* at the Justice Center in Daytona Beach.

5/1/06 – Circuit Judge J. Michael Traynor presided over a mock trial at The Webster School in St. Augustine as part of the St. Johns County Bar Association's Law Week events.

5/1/06—Volusia County Court Judge Belle B. Schumann spoke to the League of Women Voters about the importance of an independent judiciary. She also visited the Atlantic High School's Law and Government Academy to participate in an open Q & A forum.

5/2/06 – St. Johns County Court Judge Patti Christensen met with seventh graders from Cathedral Parish School in the courtroom and discussed separation of powers and how the court system works.

5/2/06 – Circuit Judge Joseph G. Will visited Atlantic High School's Law and Government Academy.

5/2/06 – Circuit Judge Randell H. Rowe III spoke to fifth graders at Freedom Elementary School in DeLand.

5/2/06 – Circuit Judge Robert K. Rouse Jr. hosted third graders from Tomoka Elementary School at the Volusia County Courthouse. The students participated in a mock trial and saw a demonstration from the Sheriff's Office bomb dog.

5/4/06 – St. Johns County Court Judge Patti Christensen presided over a Bart Simpson mock trial with fifth graders in St. Johns County as part of the bar association's law week program.

5/5/06 – St. Johns County Court Judge Patti Christensen hosted students from First Coast Technical who are studying criminal justice.

5/5/06 – Judges Marshall, Grimes, Rouse, Walsh, Parsons and Schumann participated in *An Afternoon at the Courthouse* at the Volusia County Courthouse in DeLand.

5/5/06 – Flagler County Court Judge Sharon Atack hosted fourth graders from Wadsworth Elementary School and Old Kings Elementary School for mock trials at the Flagler County Courthouse.

5/6/06 – St. Johns County Court Judge Patti Christensen spoke to students at Southwoods Elementary School.

Community participates in *An Afternoon at the Courthouse*

In partnership with the Volusia County Bar Association, the Seventh Circuit invited the public to *An Afternoon at the Courthouse* April 28 and May 5 in Daytona Beach and DeLand. Judges provided a general overview of the courts system and moderated brief question-and-answer sessions. Attorneys from the bar association presented skits to illustrate proper courtroom conduct and ethics.



Circuit Judge Joseph G. Will talks to participants about the felony division in Daytona Beach.



Volusia County Court Judge Peter Marshall explains the scope of the county court to participants 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 second quarter of 2006 (April—June), the following weapons were detected :

Location	Firearms	Knives	Scissors	Other	Total
Flagler County Courthouse	0	508	112	661	1,281
Putnam County Courthouse	0	398	63	143	604
St. Johns County Judicial Center	0	317	37	73	427
Volusia County Courthouse	0	532	148	296	976
Volusia County Justice Center	0	136	30	69	235
Volusia County Courthouse Annex (City Island)	0	427	107	123	657
Volusia County Courthouse Annex (New Smyrna Beach)	0	179	68	34	281
TOTALS	0	2,497	565	1,399	4,461



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