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**Circuit Judge John W. Watson III to retire in August**

**Daytona Beach** – Circuit Judge John W. Watson III has announced his retirement, effective Aug. 1.

A judge since 1986, Watson currently hears juvenile delinquency cases at the Volusia County Courthouse Annex at City Island in Daytona Beach. He has presided over felony, family and civil cases.

“For many years, Judge Watson has dedicated himself to helping young people and their families through his work on the juvenile delinquency bench. I know his presence in the juvenile justice community will certainly be missed,” said J. David Walsh, chief judge of the Seventh Judicial Circuit. “We are grateful for Judge Watson’s service to the Circuit and wish him all the best as he begins a new chapter in his life.”

Before his appointment to the bench, Watson spent 13 years as an attorney in private practice and for the Office of the State Attorney in the Seventh Judicial Circuit.

Because Watson’s retirement will come before his term ends in 2012, his replacement will be appointed by the Governor through the Judicial Nominating Commission process.

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