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**Circuit Judge Kim C. Hammond to retire in early 2011**

**Daytona Beach** – After more than 30 years on the bench, Circuit Judge Kim C. Hammond has announced he will not seek re-election at the conclusion of his term and will retire Jan. 3, 2011.

Hammond, who was appointed in late 1979, hears felony, juvenile and probate cases at the Kim C. Hammond Justice Center in Bunnell. He is a former chief judge of the Seventh Judicial Circuit and currently acts as the administrative judge in Flagler County.

“As the only circuit judge sitting in Bunnell for years, Judge Hammond has served the residents of Flagler County in many ways,” said J. David Walsh, chief judge of the Seventh Judicial Circuit. “Not only is he an outstanding judge, he was also instrumental in making the new courthouse a reality - a facility all Flagler County residents can be proud of. We are honored to have had Judge Hammond on our bench and will miss him greatly.”

In addition to his work in the courtroom, Hammond served on numerous statewide court committees and held leadership positions with the Florida Conference of Circuit Judges. He also was an instructor with the Florida Judicial College.

Because he’s retiring at the end of his term, Judge Hammond’s replacement will be elected.

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