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Save the Date ...

Celebrate National

Adoption Month with the
Seventh Judicial Circuit
Court and Community Based
Care of Volusia/Flagler
Counties

Friday, Nov. 17

11:30 a.m.

Volusia County Courthouse
DeLand

Event will include a short
program, information tables
and refreshments

Technology takes court to new heights

More efficient proceedings, remote court appearances, additional defendant information and easier scheduling are all benefits the Seventh Judicial Circuit is enjoying thanks to the increased use of court technology.

CourtCall

Circuit Judge Raul A. Zambrano is using Court-Call telephonic appearances on a pilot basis for certain proceedings in his civil division in Flagler County. By creating a virtual courtroom, Court-Call allows parties to appear by phone – eliminating attorney travel time and cost and foot traffic in and out of the judge's chambers. According to Judge Zambrano, foreclosure hearings that once were scheduled for 15 minutes are now sched-

uled for five minutes using CourtCall.

Judicial Inquiry System (JIS)

Florida's Judicial Inquiry System (JIS) streamlines information from a variety of state agencies into one single source that can be accessed by judges and others in the courts system. With one search, users can obtain a person's criminal history, certain Florida Department of Law Enforcement information and histories from the Department of Highway Safety. The system also accesses the Department of Corrections inmate database, Department of Juvenile Justice database and information from clerks of court throughout Florida.



"The JIS system is a wonderful tool," said Volusia County Court Judge Belle B. Schumann. "JIS is modern and easy to use. I use JIS several times a week. Once in place, it will be particularly helpful at first appearance because it provides pertinent information in a summary format, rather than having to dig through a printout."

Pictured above—Circuit Judge Raul A. Zambrano using Court-Call.

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Justice R. Fred Lewis to lead high court

Justice R. Fred Lewis will lead the Florida Supreme Court as chief justice through 2008. Chief Justice Lewis took over the responsibilities from Justice Barbara J. Pariente June 30.

Chief Justice Lewis, who is referred to as the "education judge,"

has pledged to implement justice teaching and support civic education in every Florida school during his term.

Chief Justice Lewis has been on the Supreme Court since 1999. Before his appointment, he was in private practice in Miami.



Chief Justice R. Fred Lewis

Updated Circuit Division Assignments

The following circuit division assignments went into effect October 2, 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 James R. Clayton
Division 24 (Flagler County Adult Drug Court)	Judge Kim C. Hammond
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. Briese
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 J. Michael Traynor
Division 56	Judge Wendy Berger
Division 57	Judge John M. Alexander

Judge Graham attends evidence seminar

Circuit Judge Richard S. Graham attended the “No Reversals – Correct Rulings: Evidence in Action” course conducted by the American Academy of Judicial Education Aug. 12 to 17 in Whitefish, Mont.

The course examined evidentiary issues including hearsay, cross-examination, competency, privileges, opinions,

relevancy and authentication.

Judge Graham currently hears civil cases at the Volusia County Courthouse Annex at City Island in Daytona Beach.

Judge Graham’s attendance was supported by a scholarship awarded by the State Justice Institute (SJI), a non-profit organization established by federal law to award grants

to improve the quality of justice in state courts nationwide, facilitate better coordination between state and federal courts and foster innovative, efficient solutions to common problems faced by all courts.

More information about the Institute is available on the SJI Web site at www.statejustice.org.



Calendar of Events

October 2 - Yom Kippur (Holiday)

October 6 - Circuit Judges Meeting (St. Augustine)

October 13 - New Employee Orientation (Daytona Beach)

October 15-21 - Mediation Week

October 20 - Volusia County Court Judges Meeting (New Smyrna Beach)

October 26-27 - Florida Trial Court Staff Attorney Conference (Tallahassee)

November 3 - Circuit Judges Meeting (Volusia County) (Daytona Beach)

November 7 - Election Day

November 10 - Veterans Day (Holiday)

November 17 - Volusia County Court Judges Meeting (Daytona Beach)

November 23-24 - Thanksgiving (Holiday)

December 4-6 - Florida Circuit Judges Conference (Orlando)

December 8 - Judicial Holiday Luncheon

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

December 25 - Christmas (Holiday)

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Judicial Automated Calendaring System (JACS)

The Judicial Automated Calendaring System (JACS) gives parties the opportunity to schedule their own hearings online. Certain judges in St. Johns and Volusia counties are using this tool to manage calendars in their divisions. Not only does JACS assist judicial assistants, it also gives attorneys and members of the public the ability to view certain judge's calendars.

NOMAD

Civil and criminal attorneys alike have been using the Court's NOMAD presentation stations in trial and court hearings with greater frequency. The unit includes an onboard LCD projector, VCR/DVD player, computer and

document camera. NOMADs are present in courthouse locations throughout the Circuit and are available on a first-come, first-served basis.

"The NOMAD is a great new trial tool. It allows the attorneys to blow up exhibits, show X-rays and present depositions by CD or video," said Circuit Judge Richard S. Graham. "Now the judge and jurors are able to view the material at the same time the testimony is being offered."

Videoconferencing

When testimony was needed from an expert who was vacationing in Israel, the Court used videoconferencing to make his appearance possible during the Deltona mass murder trial this summer. Using a line provided by the Office of State Courts

Administrator, witnesses can appear via videoconference from almost any site outfitted with the necessary equipment.

"It was virtually as good as him being present," said Circuit Judge William A. Parsons.

Judge Parsons added that having the ability to allow expert witnesses appear by videoconference will make experts more available and lower travel costs.

"It opens up the world to a greater universe of expert testimony," he said.

The videoconferencing equipment is also used by Court Administration for meetings and by the federal bankruptcy court for short hearings in Daytona Beach.

Around the Courthouse: General Magistrates, Child Support Hearing Officers, Civil Traffic Hearing Officers

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

Judges aren't the only ones who have the authority to hear court cases in the Seventh Judicial Circuit.

The Circuit's seven general magistrates, child support hearing officers and civil traffic infraction hearing officers also hear certain matters in family and traffic cases to assist judges with their caseloads. These magistrates and hearing officers include: Alex Alvarez, Charles Cino, Jean Dwyer, John Pascucci, Annette Pitts, Mitchell Prugh and Michael Wingo.

Duties of these quasi-judicial officers are established by Florida Statutes and the chief judge through an administrative order.

"I find the best part of the job is the challenge from the wide range of issues we are asked to decide," said Prugh, a gen-

eral magistrate and child support hearing officer based in Palatka.

Duties of general magistrates/child support hearing officers include conducting hearings for: temporary and post-judgment issues in family law cases; the establishment, enforcement or modification of child support; simplified and uncontested dissolutions of marriage; and name changes. They also conduct post-permanency judicial reviews, pretrial hearings and other related proceedings in juvenile dependency cases.

"I have never had a boring day as a general magistrate/hearing officer," said Wingo, a general magistrate and child support hearing officer based in DeLand for more than seven years. "In family law, you never have the same day twice. As a circuit judge once expressed it, we are given the opportunity to make a difference in peoples' lives."

Magistrates and hearing officers do not conduct hearings related to domestic or repeat violence matters or issues included in injunctions for protection against domestic and repeat violence.

"The magistrates and hearing officers render an invaluable service to the family law division. Without them, we'd be swamped and it would take us many months more to get to the cases," said Administrative Family Judge S. James Foxman. "We really can't do

without them."

Dwyer, a general magistrate and child support hearing officer who sits in Daytona Beach and New Smyrna Beach, started her work with Court Administration six years ago as a civil traffic infraction hearing officer. Previously in private practice, Dwyer said she enjoys resolving disputes, assisting judges with their caseload and assisting in ensuring the safety and best placement for children.

The Circuit's two civil traffic infraction hearing officers also assist the court in disposing of cases by hearing matters that do not involve injury or death or criminal traffic offenses.

"If it was not for the hearing officers, the load of the civil county judges would increase greatly," said Volusia County Court Judge H. Pope Hamrick Jr. "They are well trained and do an excellent job."

Civil traffic hearing officers enjoy many of the same responsibilities as county judges but do not have the authority to revoke or suspend someone's drivers' license.

Cino - a civil traffic hearing officer who sits in Daytona Beach, New Smyrna Beach and Palatka - said he enjoys working with the Clerk's office, assisting the public and putting his knowledge of the highways in the circuit to good use.



General magistrates and child support hearing officers like Mitchell Prugh (pictured above) help manage family court caseloads by hearing certain matters that can be resolved without coming before a judge.

Congratulations

Luis Bustamante and Clyde Wolfe advanced to the Nov. 7 general election for Circuit Judge (Group 27). Dawn Fields and Frank Roche advanced to the general election for Volusia County Court Judge (Group 5).

Judge Shawn L. Briese was appointed as the Seventh Judicial Circuit Court's representative on the Supreme Court's Select Committee on Justice Teaching. The committee aims to pair judges and lawyers with every elementary, middle and high school in the state in an effort to help promote an understanding of Florida's justice system.

Judge Peter F. Marshall was named Administrative County Court Judge in Volusia County.

Judge Robert K. Rouse, Jr. began a two-year term as president of the local Dunn-Blount Inn of Court.

Marie Joy, Family Court Services, received her Family and County Mediation certifications.

Law Clerks Erin Ewles, Carly Fishpough, Jeff Hammer and Laura Rushin passed The Florida Bar exam.

The Seventh Judicial Circuit Court and Flagler County received an implementation grant to establish a Felony Drug Court program in Flagler County. The steering committee is targeting a December 2006 implementation date. The Putnam County Adult Drug Court program had a graduation July 18. The Volusia County Adult and Dependency Drug Court programs graduated 28 participants during a ceremony Sept. 12.

Patrick McCormack was selected to serve as County Attorney by the St. Johns County Board of County Commissioners.

Items of Interest

Chief Judge William A Parsons has requested that the Supreme Court certify the need for three additional circuit judgeships for the Seventh Judicial Circuit to the 2007 Florida Legislature.

Volusia County Mediation Services held its Annual Dinner to recognize volunteer mediators in Flagler, Putnam, St. Johns and Volusia counties on Sept. 19. A special recognition was bestowed upon retiring Judge H. Pope Hamrick, Jr. for his support of county mediation.

The 2006-07 Florida State Employees' Charitable Campaign and corresponding county United Way Campaigns are underway.

The Volusia County Teen Court program in DeLand celebrated its 10th anniversary during a special event Sept. 25.



Pictured left—Flagler County Court Judge Sharon B. Atack swears in her son, Craig, as a new attorney in her courtroom in Bunnell. Pictured right—Circuit Judge R. Michael Hutcheson administers the attorney's oath to his daughter, Robin, in his courtroom in Daytona Beach.



Personnel Notes

New Hires

Kim Cromartie
Law Clerk
Volusia County
8/1/06

Jeff Hammer
Law Clerk
Volusia County
8/1/06

Chris Bunting
Court Services Manager
Pretrial Services
Volusia County
8/7/06

Laura Rushin
Law Clerk
Volusia County
9/21/06

Carly Fishpaugh
Law Clerk
St. Johns County
9/11/06

Erin Ewles
Law Clerk
St. Johns County
9/11/06

Alex Alvarez
General Magistrate
Family Court Services
St. Johns County
9/5/06

Transfers/Promotions

Melissa Cuccoro
Senior Court Services Officer
Juvenile Drug Court
Volusia County
7/15/06

Liroy Gonzalez
Microcomputer Analyst
Court Technology
Volusia County
8/12/06

Jannine Kilgard
Court Services Officer II
Adult Drug Court
Volusia County
8/12/06

Separations/Retirements

Robin West
Digital Court Reporter
St. Johns County
7/14/06

Clyde Wolfe
General Magistrate
Family Court Services
St. Johns County
7/17/06

Daniel Guarnieri
Law Clerk
St. Johns County
8/23/06

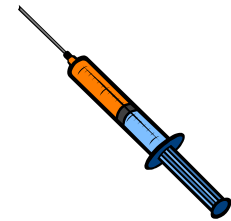


Health department to offer flu shots in Volusia

Flu season is right around the corner. The Volusia County Health Department will be giving flu shots at all Volusia County courthouse locations during October and November. Shots are \$25 per person, and can be paid for with cash or by personal check. Individuals must sign a consent form prior to receiving a shot. You may wish to consult your physician before obtaining a flu shot.

Flu Shot schedule:

- Tuesday, Oct. 17— 1 to 3 p.m., Courthouse Annex - New Smyrna Beach, 124 Riverside Dr., New Smyrna Beach, parking lot— west side
- Tuesday, Oct. 31 — 1:30 to 3:30 p.m., Volusia County Courthouse, 101 N. Alabama Ave., DeLand—jury assembly room, first floor
- Wednesday, Nov. 1 – 12:30 to 2:30 p.m., Courthouse Annex— City Island, 125 E. Orange Ave., Daytona Beach, snack bar, basement
- Wednesday, Nov. 1 — 3 to 5 p.m., Justice Center, 251 N. Ridgewood Ave., Daytona Beach, jury assembly room, first floor



Facility improvements around the Circuit

New carpet was installed and drywall repairs completed in three judges' offices, the law clerks' office and the secure corridor at the Volusia County Justice Center in Daytona Beach.

The re-roofing project at the St. Johns County Courthouse in St. Augustine was completed. The tile roof was replaced with a metal roof. The General Magistrate's office was relocated to Room 286 at the St. Johns County Courthouse.

At the Volusia County Courthouse Annex (City Island) in Daytona Beach, the Child

Support Hearing Officer's office was relocated to Room 204 and the Family/Dependency Mediator's office was relocated to Room 205. New carpet was installed in a judge's office, Room 302.

A full-service snack bar was opened at the Volusia County Courthouse in DeLand. The new snack bar is operated by Boston Gourmet Coffeehouse.

The DeLand branch of the Guardian Ad Litem program was relocated from the Volusia County Courthouse to the Historic Courthouse.

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

Construction of the new Kim C. Hammond Justice Center (Flagler County Courthouse) in Bunnell continues. The project is currently slated for completion in the summer/fall of 2007.

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

Circuit Judge Raul A. Zambrano and court personnel remembered those who lost their lives Sept. 11, 2001, during a flag raising ceremony in front of the Flagler County Courthouse in Bunnell Sept. 11.



Circuit update from Chief Judge William A. Parsons

During my first year as chief judge, I've seen the judiciary and Court Administration continue to grow in interesting and challenging ways.

In January, the Circuit will have 42 judges—27 circuit and 15 county court judges. We've certified the need for three new circuit judgeships with the Florida Supreme Court and are hopeful that the Legislature will support this need during the 2007 session. Additional judgeships will help us continue to balance judicial case loads while also recognizing growing caseloads in St. Johns and Flagler counties.

With this growth comes the need for additional

support from Court Administration. Living in a post Article V Revision 7 world, the Court is working with the clerks of court to identify ways to provide useful, meaningful services to litigants.

As discussed on page 1, technology will continue to impact the way we do business. We all are adjusting to new technology and will continue to learn how to work in an increasingly paperless world. These new advancements will give us the tools to do our jobs better by delivering a wealth of information to us expeditiously.

Technology will also be very present in the new Kim C. Hammond Justice Center in Bunnell. Sched-

uled to open in late 2007, this state-of-the-art facility will feature plasma screens in the courtrooms, a centralized digital recording system and electronic docket displays in the lobby. Meanwhile, Putnam County has acquired property for a new courthouse and plans are underway for St. Johns County to expand its courthouse in St. Augustine.

With all that's ahead of us, I want to extend my appreciation for the work you do each day. Throughout the organization, we want to provide our judges and staff with the support necessary to deliver the best service possible to the citizens of the Circuit.



Florida Supreme Court Justice Barbara J. Pariente spoke to local attorneys about family court at the September Volusia/Flagler Association of Women Lawyers meeting. Justice Pariente (center) is joined by (from left): Judge Richard B. Orfinger of the Fifth District Court of Appeal, Circuit Judge Margaret W. Hudson, Volusia County Court Judge Shirley Green, Judge David A. Monaco of the Fifth District Court of Appeal, Volusia County Court Judge Belle B. Schumann and Circuit Judge Robert K. Rouse Jr.

Judicial Profile: County Judge H. Pope Hamrick Jr.

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

Q: *How long have you been a judge?*

A: I was elected a Volusia County court judge in 1988 and have been unopposed since then. I was a general master for the Circuit for eight years before becoming a judge. I also worked as an assistant public defender, assistant city attorney, city prosecutor and assistant municipal judge for the City of Daytona Beach. I was in general private practice for about 14 years.

Q: *Are you a Daytona Beach native?*

A: No, I was born in Leesburg and graduated from Leon High School in Tallahassee. I got both my undergraduate and law degrees from Mercer University in Macon, Ga., and also served in the U.S. Army and U.S. Army Reserves.

Q: *Why did you want to be a judge?*

A: I just knew that I liked public service work and would do well in it.

Q: *What do you enjoy most about being a county court judge?*

A: I like the contact with people—contact with the public and also lawyers.

Q: *How were the courts structured when you arrived in Daytona Beach in the late '60s?*

A: When I first started working in Daytona Beach in '69, there was only one county judge and he sat in the law center in Holly Hill. There was a separate small claims judge. The city judges for each city handled traffic cases. Within a few years, two more county judges were added and they took over small claims and traffic.

Q: *What other changes have you seen over the years in the courts system?*

A: The system has gotten larger and our case loads are greater. I've also seen the introduction of computers and other technology which has reduced a lot of paperwork.

Q: *What was your best assignment and why?*

A: One of my best assignments was the one year I sat in the court-

house in DeLand. I really enjoyed it. I started doing traffic court when I was a city judge and have enjoyed doing it throughout my years as a county judge. I enjoy small claims cases too.

Q: *What community activities have you participated in over the years?*

A: I've served on the Daytona Beach Planning Board and Main Street Redevelopment Commission. I was also on the board of Stewart-Marchman Treatment Center and the YMCA. Currently, I'm involved with Central Baptist Church in Daytona Beach and the Seabreeze Kiwanis Club.

Q: *What do you plan to do after you retire at the end of this year?*

A: I'm building a house in Helen, Ga., but will live here and do senior judge work. I will also continue to travel.



Judge H. Pope Hamrick Jr.

Employee of the Quarter: Carrie Morris



Carrie Morris

Court Administration is pleased to name Carrie Morris as the Employee of the Quarter for the third quarter of 2006. Her nominations referenced her ability to meet multiple demands during a period when the office was short-staffed. One nomination said:

“Carrie is truly a remarkable attorney, and the judges in this building are blessed to have her research and writing skills available to us to help us control our schedule when we do not have enough time to do research on tricky legal issues. She is always professional, polite and has an unbelievable work ethic. Carrie seems to really enjoy her work and it shows through her demeanor and willingness to help.”

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.

Fourth quarter 2006 nominations must be received by Dec. 15. 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 Carrie Morris

Title: Trial Court Law Clerk

Location: Volusia County Courthouse, DeLand

Years with Court Administration: About 10 months

Duties: Conduct legal research, attend hearings, draft orders on pre-trial and post-conviction motions, draft memos for the circuit and county court judges on various issues

Best part of job: I enjoy the challenge of finding the answer to complex legal issues. However, I also work with some wonderful people who help make each day of my job interesting and fun.

Prior work experience: This is my first full-time position since graduating from law school. During law school I worked as a law clerk for an attorney in private practice. I also completed an externship with the felony division of the Leon County State Attorney’s Office and did some volunteer work for the Innocence Project drafting 3.853 motions for DNA testing.

Personal: I enjoy spending time with friends and family and my two Cocker Spaniels, Autumn and River.

Retired Judge Norton Josephson passes away

<p>Norton Josephson, a Volusia County court judge from 1973 to 1989, died July 5 in Holly Hill. He was 87.</p> <p>A municipal judge for Daytona Beach and Daytona Beach Shores, Judge Josephson was one of the first Volusia County court</p>	<p>judges under the present state courts structure. Before becoming a municipal judge, he represented both Daytona Beach and Daytona Beach Shores.</p> <p>He authored two books, “A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Bench” and</p>	<p>“Love Notes in a Brown Paper Bag.”</p> <p>Judge Josephson is survived by his wife, Ruth; sons Charles and Alan; a daughter, Linda Holbert; and five grandchildren.</p>
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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

7/11/06 – Court Administration hosted students from Florida Technical College in DeLand. Students observed juvenile delinquency court and met with Circuit Judge Hubert L. Grimes.

7/13/06 – Court Administration hosted a group of youth from the City Kids Adventures program in San Antonio, Texas. The teens met with Volusia County Court Judge Peter A.D. McGlashan, Teen Court Coordinator Joy Keyes, VCSO Sgt. Phil Cook and deputies Lily Efird and Chris Westfall and his K9 partner.

7/17/06 – Court Administration hosted students from Florida Technical College in DeLand who observed Teen Court in DeLand.

7/20/06 – Corrections officers attending Daytona Beach Community College observed sentencing before Circuit Judge Julianne Piggotte at the Volusia County Justice Center.

9/21/06 -- Corrections officers attending Daytona Beach Community College observed sentencing before Chief Judge William A. Parsons at the Volusia County Justice Center.

Summary of 2005-06 EEO diversity report

The EEO report that is required to be submitted to OSCA each year is based on Federal specifications and provides statistics on personnel actions (hire, promotions, transfers, separations) divided by race and ethnicity as well as a narrative assessment for state funded positions. Since the Seventh Judicial Circuit is funded by both state and county resources, it merits a more comprehensive analysis to get an accurate picture of where our efforts to achieve greater diversity have brought us.

The following statements can be made when we compare data for the Seventh Judicial Circuit to both the **available**

labor force as well as the **population** for each of the four counties in our circuit.

A 7.8 percent increase in total minority representation in our circuit was achieved for **state funded** positions between 2003 and 2006, resulting in the circuit currently having 3.2 percent greater minority representation than the **labor force** in the circuit.

A 10.9 percent increase in total minority representation in our circuit was achieved for **county funded** positions between 2003 and 2006, resulting in the circuit currently having 6 percent greater minority representation than the **labor force** in the circuit.

A 9.3 percent increase in total minority representation in our circuit was achieved for **both county and state funded** positions between 2003 and 2006, resulting in the circuit currently having .6% greater minority representation than the **population** in the circuit.

While the Circuit is encouraged by the strides we have made in increasing the minority composition of our workforce, we must remain diligent in our efforts to recruit/select qualified minority candidates to ensure that we reflect the population we serve.



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 third quarter of 2006 (July— September), the following weapons were detected :

Location	Firearms	Knives	Scissors	Other	Total
Flagler County Courthouse	1	374	145	639	1,159
Putnam County Courthouse	0	313	43	131	487
St. Johns County Judicial Center	0	353	37	87	477
Volusia County Courthouse	0	516	163	286	965
Volusia County Justice Center	0	124	33	73	230
Volusia County Courthouse Annex (City Island)	0	349	79	145	573
Volusia County Courthouse Annex (New Smyrna Beach)	0	184	16	47	247
TOTALS	1	2,213	516	1,408	4,138



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