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Celebrate National Adoption Month

Saturday, Nov. 17

2 p.m.

Hilton Daytona Beach
Ocean Walk Village

Coquina E, North Tower

Event will include finalizing
several adoptions and an
educational seminar about
the adoption process.

For more information, con-
tact Molly Justice at (386)
239-7837 or
mjustice@circuit7.org.

New courthouse to serve Flagler residents

After 19 months of construction, the new Kim C. Hammond Justice Center opened its doors to the public Sept. 10.

The building was made possible with support from Flagler County residents who approved a referendum for a \$33 million bond issue in November 2004 to fund the building.

The Justice Center replaces the Flagler County Courthouse, which was built in 1926. The new facility provides much-needed space—with square footage increasing from 50,000 to 135,000 square feet.

Housed in the Justice Center are circuit judges Kim C. Hammond and Raul A. Zambrano, as well as Flagler County Court Judge Sharon B. Atack. Offices for Court Administration, the Flagler County Clerk of Court, State Attorney and Public Defender are also located in the building.

The courthouse has six courtrooms and four hearing rooms. Built with accessibility in mind, courtrooms feature witness stands and jury boxes that can accommodate persons with disabilities.

Modern technology is another courtroom feature, with individual monitors for attorneys and jurors. Large screens for audience viewing make examining evidence and exhibits easier. Electronic docket displays in the hallway inform visitors of the daily schedule for each courtroom.



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Open for business

Circuit Judge Kim C. Hammond (left) joins Flagler County Board of County Commissioners Chairman Jim Darby in cutting the ribbon dedicating the new Kim C. Hammond Justice Center. Community leaders, residents, friends, family and court personnel attended the Oct. 12 dedication ceremony and open house. Among the program participants was Circuit Judge Raul A. Zambrano, who played *The National Anthem* on his trumpet.

Like father, like son



Circuit Judge S. James Foxman (left) administers the judicial oath to his son, David, during his investiture Aug. 17 at the Museum of Arts and Sciences in Daytona Beach. Judge David H. Foxman was appointed to the Volusia county court bench to fill a vacancy created by the resignation of Steven deLaroche. A former prosecutor, Judge Foxman was a criminal defense attorney before his appointment. He currently hears civil cases at the Volusia County Courthouse Annex at City Island in Daytona Beach.

Congratulations

General Magistrate/Child Support Hearing Officer R. Mitchell Prugh authored an article entitled *Procedure Before General Magistrates and Child Support Enforcement Hearing Officers*. The article appeared in the July/August edition of *The Florida Bar Journal*.

Paulita Kundid, President, Volusia Reporting Company (the Circuit's court reporting contractor), received the *Emily Mann Distinguished Service Award* from the Florida Court Reporters Association.

Jeffery Deen, Esq., was selected by Gov. Crist to serve as Criminal Conflict and Civil Regional Counsel for the Fifth District. His term of office began Aug. 21, and expires June 30, 2011.

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

6/19—Volusia County Court Judge Dawn P. Fields spoke at commencement exercises for Father Lopez High School at the Mary McLeod Bethune Performing Arts Center in Daytona Beach.

7/11—DBCC corrections officer students observed court and met with Circuit Judge Joseph G. Will at the Justice Center in Daytona Beach.

8/14—Students from Florida Technical College observed court before Circuit Judge James R. Clayton at the Volusia County Courthouse in DeLand.

9/14— Students from Keiser University observed court and met with Circuit Judge Joseph G. Will at the Justice Center in Daytona Beach.

Community Associations/Professional Engagements

6/27—Volusia County Court judges Dawn P. Fields and Belle B. Schumann judged the 2007 Robert Orseck Memorial Moot Court Competition during the annual Florida Bar Convention in Orlando.

7/17, 22 — Circuit Judge Joseph G. Will appeared on the Volusia Magazine radio and TV shows to talk about Drug Court and the 10th anniversary of the Volusia County Adult Drug Court program.

7/26—Circuit Judge Robert K. Rouse Jr. presided over a Masters in Trial seminar hosted by the Florida chapters of the American Board of Trial Advocates in Orlando.

8/9—Circuit Judge Joseph G. Will appeared on Big Talk with Big John on WELE 1380 AM.

8/22—Circuit Judge Kim C. Hammond spoke about the courts system to the New Jersey Social Club of Palm Coast at the Italian American Club.

9/12—Chief Judge J. David Walsh appeared on Big Talk with Big John.

Judicial Profile: Chief Judge J. David Walsh

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

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

A: I began practicing law in 1977 as a civil attorney and enjoyed it. When an opening on the bench was announced in 2001, I was at a point in my career where I was thinking about doing something new. I thought it would be a good position to apply for and also thought it would be a good time to give back to the community.

Q: *What assignment have you enjoyed most so far?*

A: In private practice, I was a civil defense attorney and represented clients in cases involving insurance, contracts and appeals. Although I have a civil background, I've really enjoyed criminal cases. The cases involve real people, are timely and usually decided quickly.

Q: *What's the most difficult part of your job?*

A: Sentencing is one of the hardest things for a judge to do. You have to balance the severity of the offense

with the rights of the victim and defendant. My job is to determine a fair sentence that falls within the sentencing guidelines. You have to be as fair as you can within the strict guidelines.

Q: *What is most rewarding about your job?*

A: Some of the greatest rewards are seeing people with mental health and substance abuse issues get the assistance they need. You can really see the effect of what you do in a positive way.

Q: *What do you see as some of the challenges in the courts system during your two-year term as chief judge?*

A: I feel fortunate to oversee a great circuit that's in good condition—much to the credit of Judge Parsons and his leadership as chief judge. However, we face many of the same problems that other courts around the state face - budget cuts, controlling jail populations, mental health

issues and facilities. We're also hopeful that the Legislature will approve new judgeships next spring. As we encounter these challenges, I hope everyone will keep doing the good work they've been doing. We appreciate everyone's help.

Q: *What do you enjoy doing off the bench?*

A: My wife and I have two grown children. Our daughter is at UCF studying to be a teacher, and our son works in town locally. I enjoy travel, reading, boating and horses.

Q: *Have you always lived in the Daytona Beach area?*

A: No, I'm originally from New Jersey and settled in Daytona Beach to accept my first position as a practicing attorney. I received my undergraduate degree from the University of South Carolina and my law degree from Wake Forest University.



Judge J. David Walsh

Health department to offer flu shots Nov. 9

Flu season is here. Protect yourself by taking advantage of vaccinations being offered by the Volusia County Health Department. Flu shots are \$25, and pneumonia shots are \$40. Cash or personal checks will be accepted.

Friday, November 9

9 - 10 a.m.

Courthouse Annex
City Island
125 E. Orange Ave.
Daytona Beach
Snack Bar—basement



10:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Justice Center
251 N. Ridgewood Ave.
Daytona Beach
Jury Assembly Room—first floor

1:30 - 2:30 p.m.

Volusia County Courthouse
101 N. Alabama Ave.
DeLand
Jury Assembly Room—first floor

Facilities Update

Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) accessibility surveys of all court facilities continue. Much thanks goes to our team members in Putnam, St. Johns and Volusia counties who evaluated our court facilities. The surveys are part of a statewide effort led by Chief Justice R. Fred Lewis to increase ADA compliance in court facilities.

The project to replace the fire sprinkler system at the Volusia County Courthouse in DeLand continues. Project completion is slated for early 2008.

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

New Arrivals

Judge Kim C. Hammond and his wife, Jan, are proud grandparents. Gregory James Rapp was born May 5.



Around the Courthouse: Pretrial Services

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

While most Court Administration employees work "normal" business hours, there's one department that begins its day at 4 a.m. and operates seven days a week—Pretrial Services.

Members of the Volusia County Pretrial Services Assessment team start the task of running criminal histories and interviewing inmates early in the day to provide the most complete and accurate information for judges at first appearance. First appearance is at 1:30 p.m. weekdays, and 8:30 a.m. on weekends and holidays.

"Running criminal histories isn't like what is portrayed in television and the movies. It is not as simple, nor as glamorous," explained Senior Court Services Officer Peter Cuccoro.

Based at the Volusia County Branch Jail, the assessment team has one senior court services officer and six officers. Judges rely on the information gathered by staff to make important pretrial release decisions. At first appearance, defendants awaiting trial can be held, released on bond, released on their own recognizance or released for supervision by pretrial services.

Upon release, pretrial officers provide varying levels of supervision. Supervision can range from telephonic contact to house arrest/electronic monitoring. With locations in Daytona Beach, DeLand and New Smyrna Beach, two supervisors and eight officers monitor compliance with release conditions established by the court to ensure the appearance of program participants at required court proceedings.

"I consider our Pretrial Services program to be an incredibly valuable tool in our criminal justice system," said Volusia County Court Judge Mary Jane Henderson. "Speaking as a recent victim of a home burglary, I can't tell you how much it relieved me to know that a Pretrial Services officer was monitoring the defendant ... If the defendant's behavior or record indicates that drugs or alcohol abuse may be an issue, the community is far better served by having that defendant monitored under conditions of release than it is by simply requiring the defendant to post a high bail."

Non-compliance of pretrial release conditions can land defendants back in jail. However, pretrial release officers are not law en-

forcement or corrections officers.

"A lot of people think I'm the same as a police officer or probation officer and that I routinely carry a gun," said Senior Court Services Officer Valerie Trunzo.

Senior Court Services Officer Kim Barrs added, "We don't put people in jail. We try to help them stay out."

Barrs, who has worked for Court Administration for nine years, said the most rewarding and challenging part of her job is to "empower people to take responsibility for their lives."



Officers like Senior Court Services Officer Kim Barrs meet with defendants on Pretrial Services supervision during regular check-ins to monitor compliance with release conditions.

Personnel Notes

New Hires

Jennifer Derleth
Judicial Assistant—Judge D. Foxman
Volusia County
7/2/07

Michael Greenier
Drug Court Coordinator
Flagler County
7/16/07

Kendra Therrell
Child Support Hearing Officer
Volusia County
9/21/07

Transfers/Promotions

Denise Mensh
General Magistrate
Volusia County
7/13/07

Separations/Retirements

Jane Almy Loweinger
General Magistrate
Volusia County
7/12/07

Deborah Brownell
Court Reporter
St. Johns County
8/17/07

Carmen Gaetanos
Court Reporter
St. Johns County
8/17/07

Stacey George
Court Reporter
St. Johns County
8/17/07

Suzette Kowalski
Court Reporter
St. Johns County
8/17/07



Just Married

Debbi Dukehart, Law Clerk, married Jeff Pattee on July 1.

Julie Mazingo, Case Manager, married Ken Keyser on July 29.

Employee of the Quarter: Myriam Rivera

Court Administration is pleased to name Myriam Rivera as the Employee of the Quarter for the third quarter of 2007. She is an administrative assistant with the Court Interpreters Unit in DeLand.

Wrote one nominee: “Myriam always finds the time to help out many individuals, both English and non-English speakers, fellow court employees, litigants, defendants, attorneys, and basically anyone who walks into the Court Interpreter’s office. Even if their needs do not involve interpreting, Myriam greets anyone who enters this office with a warm smile and never turns anyone away because it is not ‘her job.’”

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 2007 nominations must be received by Dec. 7. 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 Myriam Rivera

Title: Administrative Assistant I

Location: Volusia County Courthouse, DeLand

Years with Court Administration: Two years

Duties: Coordinate interpreting services throughout the Circuit through ongoing contact with staff in all counties, freelance interpreters, interpreting agencies, attorneys, judicial assistants, etc.; create weekly interpreting schedules; assist staff with organizing pre-orientation workshops; provide interpreting services for other departments as needed.

Best part of job: Having the opportunity to interact with people and learn about the court interpreter profession. I appreciate the caring and respectful relationships I share with co-workers and freelance interpreters alike. They set an environment where teamwork, professionalism and excitement all meet—which makes my job a true pleasure. I am thrilled to be in a position where each day provides a new learning experience and the opportunity to grow professionally as well as personally.

Prior work experience: Extensive experience in accounting in Puerto Rico; administrative clerk for 2000 U.S. Census; tax return preparation with H & R Block; other office-related positions

Personal: I was born in Bayamon, Puerto Rico, and graduated with honors from the University of Puerto Rico in Business Administration—Management. I lived in Connecticut for almost 11 years before moving to Florida two years ago.



Myriam Rivera



2008 Holiday Schedule

Tuesday, January 1, 2008	New Year's Day
Monday, January 21	Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s Birthday
Friday, March 21	Good Friday
Monday, May 26	Memorial Day
Friday, July 4	Independence Day
Monday, September 1	Labor Day
Thursday, October 9	Yom Kippur
Tuesday, November 11	Veterans Day
Thursday, November 27 and Friday, November 28	Thanksgiving
Thursday, December 25 and Friday, December 26	Christmas

Calendar of Events

October 5 - Circuit Judges Meeting (St. Augustine)

October 12 - Kim C. Hammond Justice Center Dedication (Bunnell)

October 18-19 - Florida Trial Court Staff Attorney Conference (Lake Buena Vista)

October 19 - Volusia County Court Judges Meeting (Daytona Beach)

November 2 - Circuit Judges Meeting (Volusia County) (Daytona Beach)

November 6 - Election Day

November 12 - Veterans Day (Holiday)

November 16 - Volusia County Court Judges Meeting (Daytona Beach)

November 22-23 - Thanksgiving (Holidays)

December 3-7 - DUI Adjudication Lab (St. Augustine)

December 9-12 - Florida Circuit Judges Conference (Ponte Vedra Beach)

December 14 - Judicial Holiday Luncheon

December 24-25 - Christmas (Holidays)

Judge Grimes honored for children's work



The Children's Home Society of Florida/North Coastal Division honored Circuit Judge Hubert L. Grimes (center) with its R. David Thomas Child Advocate of the Year award Aug. 25 at The Plaza Resort & Spa in Daytona Beach. Presenters included (from left) Wes Dunn, CHS Board Chair, and Christine Davenport, CHS Executive Director.
(Photo courtesy of Children's Home Society)

Items of Interest

Chief Judge J. David Walsh has requested that the Florida Supreme Court certify the need for three additional circuit judges and one additional Volusia County court judge for the Seventh Judicial Circuit to the 2008 Florida Legislature.

The Volusia County Adult Drug Court program celebrated its 10th anniversary during a special graduation ceremony July 17 at The News-Journal Center in Daytona Beach. Twenty-six participants graduated from the adult and dependency drug court programs.

Volusia County Mediation Services held its annual dinner Sept. 24 at Sunset Harbor Yacht Club in Daytona Beach. Each year, the organization recognizes its volunteer mediators from Flagler, Putnam, St. Johns and Volusia counties at this event.

The U.S. Senate unanimously approved Resolution 296 declaring September 2007 as *National Youth Court Month*.

The 2007-08 Florida State Employees' Charitable Campaign and corresponding county United Way campaigns are underway.

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



Security Notes



Security screening stations are located in the Kim C. Hammond Justice Center, 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 2007 (July-September) the following weapons were detected :

Location	Firearms	Knives	Scissors	Other	Total
Kim C. Hammond Justice Center	1	241	60	412	714
Putnam County Courthouse	0	165	30	98	293
St. Johns County Judicial Center	0	310	41	124	475
Volusia County Courthouse	1	387	108	233	729
Volusia County Justice Center	0	81	36	43	160
Volusia County Courthouse Annex (City Island)	1	466	112	193	772
Volusia County Courthouse Annex (New Smyrna Beach)	0	237	24	58	319
TOTALS	3	1,887	411	1,161	3,462



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