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Circuit Judge Terence R. Perkins to serve as chief judge

DeLand – Circuit Judge Terence R. Perkins will lead the Seventh Judicial Circuit as chief judge beginning July 1.

Elected by the 42 judges in Flagler, Putnam, St. Johns and Volusia counties, Perkins will have administrative supervision over the circuit during his two-year term. He will also continue his duties on the bench, where he currently hears civil cases in Daytona Beach.

A judge since 2010, Perkins succeeds Circuit Judge William A. Parsons whose second term as chief judge ends June 30. Following his chief judge term, Parsons will continue to hear civil cases in Daytona Beach.

Perkins earned both his undergraduate and juris doctor degrees from the University of Florida. He spent about 30 years in private practice with the Daytona Beach firm of Monaco, Smith, Hood, Perkins, Orfinger and Stout before his appointment to the bench.

“Judge Parsons led the circuit through a time of tremendous change,” Perkins said. “Due to elections and gubernatorial appointments, eight new judges have joined us in the past two years. We’ve also experienced changes in the way we do business with advances in technology – including electronic filing and a new criminal justice information system in Volusia County. Additionally, foreclosures continue to be a priority across the state as the economy is trying to rebound. Through all of this, Judge Parsons’ vision and leadership has ensured the fair and efficient administration of justice in our local courts. I’m honored to be able to serve the circuit as chief judge and look forward to the challenges and opportunities that await us.”

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