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Circuit Judge Richard S. Graham to retire in October

Daytona Beach – Circuit Judge Richard S. Graham has announced he will retire effective Oct. 21.

“It has been an honor to serve the citizens of the Seventh Judicial Circuit, and I will cherish the memories I have from my time on the bench,” Graham said. “I have worked with many talented and honorable judges and am grateful to have had the support of such dedicated court staff – particularly bailiffs, clerks and judicial assistants – who assist us in the administration of justice.”

A judge since 2002, Graham currently hears civil cases at the Volusia County Courthouse Annex at City Island in Daytona Beach. During his first four years on the bench, he presided over family cases in Daytona Beach. Graham was in private practice in Daytona Beach and a member of the Florida House of Representatives before his appointment.

“I have tried cases against Judge Graham when he was a lawyer, admired his work as a legislator and had the chance to work side by side with him as a judge here in the Annex trying civil cases,” said Chief Judge William A. Parsons. “He is a wonderful and caring colleague with a vast set of legal skills and will very much be missed when he retires.”

According to the state Constitution, no judge shall serve after their 70th birthday except on a temporary assignment or to complete a term - of which one-half has already been served. Because Graham’s 70th birthday will come before the half-way point in his current term – which ends in 2016 - he faces mandatory retirement. His replacement will be named by the governor through the Judicial Nominating Commission process.

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