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Volusia County Court Judge Belle B. Schumann named Woman of the Year

DAYTONA BEACH -- Volusia County Court Judge Belle B. Schumann has been named the 2007 Woman of the Year by the Volusia/Flagler Association for Women Lawyers (VFAWL). She will be presented with the honor at the association's monthly luncheon meeting May 10 at the Halifax River Yacht Club in Daytona Beach.

The association - which includes about 40 attorneys from Volusia and Flagler counties - selected Schumann because of her service to the people of Volusia and Flagler counties, her substantial contributions to areas of importance to women and our community and her outstanding service and recognition by peers in her profession.

"We received several outstanding nominees for our Woman of the Year who were great examples of strong female role models, but Judge Schumann stood out with her overwhelming service to the community that goes above and beyond her professional obligations," said Karen Foxman, president of VFAWL.

Schumann joins Circuit Judge Julianne Piggotte and Volusia County Court Judge Shirley A. Green in being named the association's Woman of the Year. Other past recipients include Cindy Clifford, Barbara Revels, Shirley Santillana, Dr. Pamela Carbiener, Sylvia Sharps, Barbara Davis, Rosemarie Archibald, M.F. Warren and Kathleen Steele Tolleson.

Schumann, a county court judge since 2005, currently presides over criminal cases at the Volusia County Courthouse Annex at City Island in Daytona Beach. A graduate of Stetson University and Florida State University College of Law, Schumann worked in the criminal division at the Attorney General's Office in Daytona Beach for more than 20 years before being appointed to the bench. A Port Orange resident, Schumann and her husband Bill have two sons. She is an active member of the Volusia County Bar Association and is involved in Boy Scouts.

In addition to honoring Schumann, the association will recognize Daytona Beach attorney Julie Ozburn with its Distinguished Service Award at the May 10 meeting. For more information about the luncheon, contact Joan Briggs at (386) 253-6571 or jsbriggs95@yahoo.com.

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