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**Two longtime Volusia County circuit judges to retire late 2010, early 2011**

**Daytona Beach** – After serving residents of Volusia County for several decades, circuit judges S. James Foxman and Patrick G. Kennedy will be completing their judicial careers in the next year.

Foxman will not be seeking re-election, and his current term expires Jan. 3, 2011. A circuit judge since 1979, he currently hears family law cases at the Volusia County Courthouse Annex in New Smyrna Beach. Foxman is the administrative family court judge and a former chief judge.

Kennedy will be leaving the bench Dec. 31, before the expiration of his current term. First appointed to the Volusia County court bench in 1985, Kennedy was elected as a circuit judge three years later. He spent most of his judicial career in the family division and currently hears felony cases at the Volusia County Justice Center in Daytona Beach.

“The Seventh Circuit has been fortunate to have these two outstanding judges on its bench for many years,” said J. David Walsh, chief judge of the Seventh Judicial Circuit. “Judges Foxman and Kennedy are well-respected and possess a tremendous amount of experience. We are grateful for their contributions to the judiciary and look forward to their service as senior judges.”

Because he’s retiring at the end of his term, Judge Foxman’s replacement will be elected. Since Judge Kennedy is retiring before the end of his term, his replacement will be appointed by the Governor through the Judicial Nominating Commission process.

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