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**Circuit Judge J. David Walsh to lead area judiciary as chief judge**

**Daytona Beach** – Circuit Judge J. David Walsh will lead the Seventh Judicial Circuit as chief judge beginning July 1.

Elected by the circuit and county court judges in Flagler, Putnam, St. Johns and Volusia counties, Walsh will have administrative supervision over all courts in the circuit during his two-year term. He will also continue his duties on the circuit bench, where he currently hears felony criminal cases. Walsh succeeds Circuit Judge William A. Parsons whose term as chief judge ends June 30.

Walsh earned his juris doctor degree from Wake Forest University. After spending nearly 25 years in private practice as a civil trial attorney, he was appointed to the bench in 2001.

“Judge Parsons has led the circuit through a time of continued growth and technological advancement, and we appreciate his commitment to the fair and efficient administration of justice,” Walsh said. “I am honored to have the opportunity to serve the circuit as chief judge and look forward to building on the work of Judge Parsons and other chief judges before him.”

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