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New Judges Welcomed to the Bench

In front of a packed Lee County courtroom, Judge Devin George was sworn in by Chief Judge Michael T. McHugh as Lee County's newest judge. Judge Georges' family, friends, and colleagues were present for the ceremony on February 22, 2016.

"I did not hear a single bad thing about Devin George. Everything I heard was glowing whether it was from bailiffs, attorneys, judges, everything I heard was absolutely spectacular," said Judge McHugh. "I have got to know her since she was chosen and I am thrilled to death that she is going to be our next Lee County judge."

Judge George was appointed by Governor Rick Scott to fill the seat vacated by Judge Frank Mann. Prior to her appointment, she was an Assistant State Attorney in Lee County for 10 years. She started off in misdemeanor county court and then went on to felony court and the special victims unit, which she holds close to her heart. For six years, she was a track leader in front of Retired Judge Edward Volz and most recently was helping to supervise county court.

"I've had a very full, very versatile career," said Judge Devin George. "I tried to do a lot of things to get the experience in all types of different cases."

The State Attorney's Office was her first job out of college. She moved to Ft. Myers 10 years ago after completing her bachelor's and law degrees at Michigan State University. Her family is originally from Houghton Lake, Michigan but relocated to Southwest Florida as seasonal residents and ended up loving it. So, Devin and her husband, Brad, followed suit. Together they have two children, ages four and seven.

Judge George will shadow her mentor judge, Judge Josephine Gagliardi, before she takes the docket over as her own. She will then preside over criminal cases, civil cases, municipal ordinances, county ordinances and traffic cases.

"I am so excited to learn the stuff that I don't know. I have had the luxury of being in the courtroom a lot, but getting in there and seeing it from a different perspective and seeing the defendants... I am very excited about my job. I know I will be overwhelmed because it's something new, but I like that," said Judge George.



Chief Judge Michael T. McHugh swears in Judge Devin George

Judge Geoffrey Gentile is also seeing things from a different perspective as he takes the bench as a 20th Judicial Circuit Judge in Collier County. Judge Gentile is familiar with the courtroom having been an attorney with Boyle, Gentile & Leonard since 2003. Mr. Gentile concentrated his practice in the area of representing families and businesses in insurance coverage disputes and insurance claim presentation. He also handled commercial and business litigation. Prior to that, Judge Gentile was the In-House Trial Counsel at State Farm Insurance from 1999 to 2002, and worked as a Claims Attorney/In-House Trial Counsel at Nationwide Insurance from 1994-1999. He began his legal career with Asbell, Hains, Doyle & Pickworth, P.A. in 1991. He received his bachelor's and law degrees from Florida State University.

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New Judges Welcomed to the Bench



“I don’t recall exactly when I decided I wanted to be a Judge, but I do remember that in 2003, at Judge Nelson’s memorial service, I was reminded of how much good a Judge can do and decided I’d apply or run once I felt I was seasoned enough to serve,” said Judge Gentile.

For 10 years, he kept quiet. But after one of his partners, Mark Boyle, told him he would make a good judge. Judge Gentile applied for the next opening.

He didn’t always have dreams of becoming a Judge or even an attorney. He says while growing up in Michigan and delivering the Detroit Free Press in the mornings, he actually dreamed of becoming the Quarterback for the Lions.

“In 10th Grade at Kalamazoo Central High School, I asked a teacher what I had to do to become a lawyer and he explained the steps all the way from the bar exam back to where I was,” said Judge Gentile. “I decided to do it and since playing Quarterback for the Lions seemed unlikely, I never changed my mind or reconsidered.”

Judge Gentile was appointed to the position by Governor Rick Scott to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Judge Cynthia Pivacek. He will oversee the United Family Court Docket in Naples, which includes family law, dependency, and domestic violence injunctions.

“As a Judge I am really looking forward to having the responsibility to get the law right, not advocate for positions, but to simply do my best to get it right,” said Judge Gentile.

Judge Gentile has been married to Kathe Gentile for 30 years and they have three children.

Judge Leigh Hayes Appointed to Circuit Court

“From the bottom of my heart, I thank you for believing in me when I didn’t believe in myself,” said one Drug Court graduate.

She’s helped them get clean, get jobs, move on... survive. On March 21, 2016, a farewell ceremony was held for Lee County Judge Leigh Frizzell Hayes during her second to last Drug Court. Judge Hayes has been appointed as a Circuit Judge in Charlotte County. She turns over the Monday docket to Judge Andrew Swett.

“She has been a leader, a communicator, and educator and with her collaboration and hard work, this institution of drug court has been built to what it is today,” said Lee County Judge Josephine Gagliardi.

For the last eight years, Judge Hayes has presided over Drug Court along with Judge Josephine Gagliardi. Four years ago she initiated the Alumni program, providing a support mechanism for graduates demonstrating care for individuals long after graduating from the program. Once a month, Alumni gatherings are held to help keep each other accountable and foster sobriety.

“Your judicial leadership, your drive, your vision and your commitment are key ingredients of the success of this program for so many years,” said Trial Court Administrator Scott Wilsker.

Judge Hayes was elected to the bench in the fall of 1996. Prior to becoming a Judge, she was the senior staff attorney for the Twentieth Judicial Circuit. In 1991, she was appointed a Hearing Officer presiding over child support and visitation cases. Judge Hayes was instrumental in the progression of the Hearing Officer Program that saves many tax dollars by utilizing attorneys who provide their time Pro Bono. While in Charlotte County, she will take over Judge Robert Branning’s docket, which comprises of family law, dependency, and domestic violence injunctions.

“I am ready for a change... to do something different and I am delighted to go to Punta Gorda where there are such nice people,” said Judge Hayes.

Judge Hayes does

hope to eventually find herself back in Lee County with a career on the criminal side along with a Drug Court docket.

“I have really enjoyed trying to make a difference in people’s lives,” said Judge Hayes.

That shows. Her farewell celebration was standing room only. One after one...colleagues, graduates, and current participants spoke about how she has made a difference in people lives both in the past and years to come.

“I thank you for my life back. You will always be a part of my heart,” said a Drug Court graduate.



Chief Judge Michael T. McHugh and TCA Scott Wilsker present Judge Hayes a plaque of appreciation

Circuit Judge Thomas Corbin Retires



Judge Thomas Corbin and wife, Mary

After more than two decades on the bench, family, friends, and colleagues said goodbye to Judge R. Thomas Corbin during an informal gathering on March 23, 2016 at the Lee County Justice Center.

A plaque was presented by Chief Judge Michael T. McHugh and Trial Court Administrator Scott Wilsker to express their gratitude for Judge Corbin's service to the 20th Circuit. A few of Judge Corbin's colleagues formed "Team Corbin" and gave the judge and his wife, Mary, two wooden rocking

chairs to help plan their future trips.

"I personally want to thank Judge Corbin for the past 21 years, it's been an honor to be his JA and I am really going to miss him," said Judicial Assistant Dorina Soumastre. "He's been more than a boss; he's been a friend and someone that I have been very proud to work for."

Judge Corbin began work as a judge in January of 1994 and has worked in Charlotte, Hendry and Lee Counties. Judge Corbin also served as the Lee County Administrative Judge and Deputy Chief Judge of the Circuit for seven years. Most recently he was assigned to the Family Division in Lee County. Prior to taking the bench, Judge Corbin worked in private practice handling civil and criminal jury trials as well as commercial litigation.

He's lived in Lee County since his parents moved here in 1951. His parents actually owned a feed store located at the corner of Main and Monroe Streets in downtown Fort Myers where the Justice Center now sits. He graduated from Fort Myers High School in 1967, the University of North Carolina in 1971, and the University Of Florida College Of Law in March 1974.

During retirement, Judge Corbin plans on spending time with his wife, taking trips with her and playing with their grandchildren.



Chief Judge Michael T. McHugh and TCA Scott Wilsker present Judge Corbin a plaque

Collier County Judge Vince Murphy to Retire



Collier County Judge Vince Murphy is retiring from the bench after more than 15 years of service. The effective date of his retirement is July 8, 2016.

Judge Murphy graduated from the University of Maryland (summa cum laude) and the University of Florida School of Law (with honors), and practiced in Collier and Lee Counties

for nearly 25 years before his election in 2000. In addition to his legal career, Judge Murphy served in both the active and reserve components of the US Army, rising from the rank of Private to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. He served in the field artillery throughout his military career, including wartime service in Vietnam, Cold War service in Western Europe, and mobilization during Operation Desert Storm.

Judge Murphy has been an active community volunteer during his forty years in Naples, for which he was given a key to the city. For many years, he coached recreational youth soccer

and basketball. However, over the decades coaching softball proved to be his greatest success. In 1989 and again in 1992, Judge Murphy's teams captured the Little League Softball World Series championships, and his Naples High School softball teams brought home state championships in 1995 and 1996.

After retirement, Judge Murphy and his wife Linda will take up residence in The Villages, surrounded by the beautiful horse country of central Florida and over 600 holes of golf. Instead of practicing law, he intends to practice his short game.

Judge Lee Schreiber Named Elected Official of the Year



Judge Lee A. Schreiber has been named the Elected Official of the Year for Southwest Florida, by the National Association of Social Workers Florida Chapter, Southwest Florida Unit. Founded in 1955, NASW is the largest professional social work organization in the United States.

Every year, each chapter recognizes individuals in the community for their efforts and participation in the community. The

award selections include; Social Worker of the year, Social Work student of the year, Public Citizen of the year, Social Work educator of the year, and Elected Official of the year. Judge Schreiber was nominated by Caitlin Carroll, MSW.

NASW members say Judge Schreiber was chosen because she has shown ongoing support and provided recognition to the social work community in a multitude of ways. She works with youth involved in Florida Youth Shine, speaks with community representatives in regards to funding for child welfare and also works with state representatives to ensure that standards of practice are being abided by.

“Judge Schreiber is supportive of the professionals that serve within the child welfare system and will go out of her way to show her support as best she can. She understands that all individuals involved within the system, whether families or professionals are in a difficult place and she has tried her hardest to ensure that the best interest of the child is the utmost importance when making decisions,” said Kaitlin Major.

AOC Personnel Attend Training

The 20th Circuit was afforded the opportunity to send representatives to the February Florida Court Personnel training event in Orlando. Training included Advanced Leadership in Practice, Making the Most of Communication, Effectively Communicating in the Modern Court Workplace and Diversity Faculty training. The training also provided a method for networking amongst the state and learning various initiatives and matters concerning the courts.

Pictured from the left: *Amy Kinsey, Lee County Deputy Criminal Division Director Susana Fernandez, Charlotte County Program Coordinator Dawn Whittington, Human Resources Specialist Juan Ramos, Collier County Deputy Criminal Division Director Bailey Smith, Collier County Court Program Specialist II Stacey Lowe, Lee County/Cape Coral Program Coordinator*



Court Staff to Receive Certificates in Public Management

Ms. Ashley Gregory and Mr. Scott Leland have both obtained their Certificates in Supervisory Management through the Florida Center for Public Management at the Florida State University. Training focused on fundamentals of leadership, with an emphasis on improving people skills, team leadership and improving organizational effectiveness. The Certified Public Manager program is a nationally-recognized program for training and developing public managers and supervisors. The primary goals are to professionalize public management

and improve organizational efficiency and effectiveness. Ms. Gregory and Mr. Leland have moved on to complete remaining levels for their Certificates in Public Management, which in all extends over a two year period. The last four levels are designed to improve understanding of complex organizations, large systems and policy formation. Participants currently enrolled in the CPM program will be graduating Friday, September 16, 2016 at the North Collier Regional Park in Naples. There are currently eight AOC staff members set to graduate.

Lee County Veterans Court Expands Criteria

A specialty court program serving veterans in the criminal court system is expanding. Once a part of Mental Health Court, Veterans Treatment Court (VTC) now accepts those with alcohol and substance abuse issues. This has caused the docket in Lee County, which Judge Andrew Swett presides over, to nearly double in size.

The program was formed in recognition of the fact that, sometimes after serving in the military, veterans experience physical and mental trauma such as post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD, other mental health disorders, or substance abuse issues which can lead to criminal involvement.

Not only has it expanded eligibility criteria, but they have also added personnel in the courtroom and community resources. Veteran mentors are now available in the courtroom thanks to a Volunteer Veteran Mentor Coordinator who is versed in Crisis Intervention training, psychiatric nursing and NAMI peer facilitator training. This volunteer mentor attends meetings and recruits veterans to become mentors. Mentors aim to offer optional support,

guidance and friendship as a fellow veteran.

Lee County has also graciously offered the services of its Veterans Service Officer from its Human and Veterans Services department. This person helps veterans with any disability or medical claims. Goodwill also offers its services by bringing the Job-Link Mobile Unit to the courthouse when VTC is in session to assist with education, employment, housing, food, and clothing to name a few. Southwest Florida Career Services Center is also interested in providing personnel for the courtroom setting. The Bob Janes Low Demand Shelter and Triage Center has a VA Homeless Coordinator that attends court as needed and provides services to assist with VASH Vouchers and housing financially supported by the Veterans Administration.

“Veterans Court demonstrates a unique and dynamic collaboration across the county, state and federal levels of government with one common goal of promoting public safety while supporting eligible veterans,” said Criminal Division Director Liza

Maldonado. “In essence, it is a “one stop shop” linking veterans to benefits, treatment and services that they have earned. “

No additional funding was given to the Courts in order to provide these services, but Coastal Behavioral Healthcare did receive some state funding to hire two more Outreach Specialists and an administrative assistant. VTC personnel hope to be able to retain these positions by applying for a \$975,000 grant that expands over a three year period.

This money would be used to continue funding the employees at Coastal, but also for a Risk Assessment Tool. This tool is a validated reliable assessment instrument, which helps to provide more efficient allocation of supervision and treatment resources. Other funds to assist with veterans needs would also be available if the grant is approved. Lee County Veterans court is continuing to accept participants. Collier County also has its own Veterans Treatment Court presided over by Judge Janeice Martin.

Charlotte County Justice Center Expansion Update



The expansion of the Charlotte County Justice Center is moving forward. Architect Sweet Sparkman from Sarasota has been selected as the vendor for the pre-design and planning phase for the project along with the DLR Group and Dan Wiley and Associates, Inc. (DWA).

A kickoff meeting was held in mid-March with stakeholders to discuss the upcoming process. Phase one includes relocating the County archives to provide office space, integration of this space into the security perimeter, expanding both the

front entrance pavilion and the security control center.

In April 2014, DWA put together a strategic space plan detailing the growth of the Judicial System and various ideas for expanding capacity. The report says the Charlotte County Courthouse was planned to provide space only through 2010. Encompassing a total of 197,131 gross square feet, the report says the Courthouse is full with the limited exception of some short term surplus in the offices of the Clerk of Courts.

Since the report was released in 2014, no improvements have been made. Some of the files are currently being moved from the County Archives, but offices of the State Attorney still remain overcrowded and all courtrooms and chambers are occupied.

Stakeholders will continue to hold workshops over the next few months.

Lee County Celebrates Latest Drug Court Graduate

Nathan is a 28 year old man that nearly two years ago was on a deadly downward spiral involving drugs and alcohol. His drug use, like many others, began with prescription pills and continued to escalate as he carved a path that led him to criminal behavior and eventually jail. On August 22nd, 2014, Nathan was offered and accepted the Lee County drug court program on felony charges including two counts of false owner/information to pawnbroker and two counts of dealing in stolen property, charges that were fueled by his drug use. Nathan was facing a sentence of 24 months of incarceration.

While in the drug court program, Nathan learned and implemented tools that would give him back what drugs took away. His time in drug court was exemplary as he had his heart set on recovery and becoming a functional member of society. At first drug court helped him stabilize and free himself from immediate drug use. Then he was able to obtain a sponsor, work a solid 12-step program while building a strong support network and ultimately secure a job as a chef at a well known restaurant. Nathan continued to do very well while in drug court and went on to graduate from the program on March 21st, 2016.

Although his graduation in drug court is just the beginning this was a huge step in a long chain of positive events stemming from his commitment to recovery and the gift of drug court. Nathan was also able to have his case nolle prossed by the State Attorney's Office upon successful completion of the

program.

Today Nathan is a dependable young man who continues to hold a steady job and remains truly committed to his recovery. He has regained the trust and respect of his family, learned to use healthy boundaries in everyday life and career, and has re-found passion for things he once enjoyed such as music and film. Above all, today Nathan is a young man who loves himself and continues to grow and to give back to the community as a functional member of society- a true example of what we can expect when we match committed individuals to court programs like drug court.



Judge Leigh Hayes presents Nathan with certificate

Judge James McGarity to be Inducted into US Army Hall of Fame

On Monday, April 25, 2016 Collier County Judge James McGarity will be inducted into the US Army Officer Candidate School Hall of Fame at the National Infantry Museum in Fort Benning, Georgia.

He was commissioned an Infantry Officer upon graduation from Infantry Officer Candidate School Class 4-72 in July 1972. Lieutenant Colonel McGarity's first duty assignment was as a Tactical Officer, OCS Battalion, Fort Benning GA. Judge McGarity was privileged and honored to command the men and women in his units, from squad to battalion level, and to lead the 2,300 soldiers of Task Force Citadel of the 1st Brigade, 101st Airborne Division into combat during Desert Storm.

Judge McGarity retired from active duty as a Lieutenant Colonel in September 1995. He then attended Law School at the University of Miami. Following college, he worked as an Assistant Public Defender and then later as a General Magistrate for the 20th Circuit. In No-



vember 2012, he was elected to the Collier County bench.

Judge McGarity is a graduate of Amphibious Operator / Seaman Advance Individual Training, Airborne School, Ranger School, Jumpmaster Course, Infantry Officer Advance Course, Command and General Staff Officer Course, The Inspector General Course, and Air Assault School.

His military awards include the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal, Army Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Medal, Army of Occupation Medal, Southwest Asia Service Medal, Armed Forces Reserve Medal, Overseas Service Medal, Kuwait Liberation Medal, 101st Airborne Division Combat Service Badge, Combat Infantryman Badge, Expert Infantryman Badge, Parachutist Badge, Air Assault Badge, Ranger Tab, Army General Staff Badge, and the British Parachutist Badge.

Misdemeanor Probation Offices Look Forward to Accreditation

Misdemeanor Probation across the Twentieth Judicial Circuits five counties could soon be accredited under new state standards. The Florida Corrections Accreditation Commission has approved updated probation requirements that will allow probation offices across Florida to participate in the state accreditation process. This occurred at its meeting in St. Augustine on February 23, 2016.

The expansion of the Florida Pretrial Accreditation Program means that agencies, like Lee County's Probation Department, will operate consistently throughout the state in terms of misdemeanor probation. The (FCAC), in collaboration with the Florida Association of Community Corrections (FACC) have worked over the past year developing standards of practice for misdemeanor probation in Florida. This workgroup consisted of pretrial and probation practitioners from across the state: Liza Maldonado and Amy Kinsey, Lee County; Jeff Kilpatrick, Alachua County, Dana McMahon, Manatee County; Don Pitman, Orange County; Isabel Perez-Morina, Miami Dade; Shirley Olson, Volusia County.

"It is an exciting time for the Florida Corrections Accreditation Commission. We look forward to working with our probation partners as we move forward with this program," said Lori Mizell, Executive Director, FCAC.

The Florida Corrections Accreditation Commission began accrediting pretrial agencies in 2008 and was seen as a means to increase judicial confidence in the use of pretrial release programs by providing standardized, accurate information for release/detention decisions. The probation community expressed an interest of being included in the accreditation process in 2014. Subsequently, standards have been developed to address the particular interests of probation agencies.

The standards are consistent with national best practices and will lead the way to establishing the most consistent and effective policy and procedures for misdemeanor probation in Florida. Accreditation is the certification by an independent reviewing authority that an entity has met specific requirements and prescribed standards. Accreditation symbolizes professionalism, excellence and competence. Since the development of the misdemeanor probation system in Florida in the 1980s, operating agencies have not had guidance or a set of consistent standards to follow other than F.S. Chapter 948 which primarily addresses felony probation and the Florida Department of Corrections. These new misdemeanor standards will aid agencies in operating consistently throughout the state.

The Commission anticipates accrediting eligible probation agencies within the next 12 months.

"This is a groundbreaking development and very exciting for misdemeanor probation programs. I look forward to accrediting the Lee County Probation department," said Liza Maldonado, Lee County Criminal Division Director.



Lee County Pilot Judges go Live with AiSmartbench

On February 29, 2016 Lee County went live with our Pilot Judges Gagliardi, Fuller, Elizabeth Adams, and Keith Kyle. Mentis Technologies' Brian Murphy and Jenny Bunch were present to train along with Kim Cambareri and clerk personnel to ensure that any issues that were encountered were quickly taken care of. Judge Gagliardi was the first judge to use the application on the bench and so far all judges are pleased with the way it works. There is still much work to be done, a few performance issues and coordination with the clerk's office but all in all, a successful start to the implementa-

tion of this program. Collier County will follow shortly as configuration with Showcase is currently being programmed and hopefully we will be able to start rolling this out to Collier Pilot Judges Martin, Shenko, and Greider sometime in early summer.

AiSmartbench Judicial Viewer is programmed by Mentis Technologies and was first programmed in a joint venture from the 12th Circuit and the Manatee Clerk. There are currently 35 counties that use this application.

Collier Teen Court Participates Outside the Courtroom

Collier County Teen Court participants and volunteers are getting involved in the community. On March 12, 2016, they participated in a fair at the Grand Opening of the Naples Community Hospital Pediatric Emergency Department. This is done in collaboration with the Collier County Sheriff's Office in order to let participants gain community service hours as part of their sanctions. Teen Court participants often help out in the community with carnivals and fairs. The teens will man booths, set-up, or help with traffic control.

Then on March 21 through March 24, Teen Court volunteers participated in the Golisano Children's Museum After School Program. The high schoolers worked with 5th graders on mock trials and let them take turns wearing the robe.

The mock trials are often centered around peer pressure topics and help teach the children the consequences of their actions.



Group of Teen Court volunteers

Collier Judges Take Part in Civics Education

Eager students from elementary schools and Florida Southwestern State College are just some of those who are given a hands on experience in legal education from judges at the Collier County Courthouse. Judge Joseph Foster and Judge Robert Crown have recently taken the time to speak to students at the courthouse during tours. Depending on the age and level of the group, students will tour the courtroom and view an empty jail holding cell. Daily business at the courthouse is then discussed with the Judges coming in for a mini civics lesson, often focusing on local government and their judicial responsibilities.



Judge Joseph Foster and students



Judge Robert Crown speaks with students from Gulf Coast Charter Academy South

Monitors Help Direct People Where to go in Collier Co.

| JUDGE | COURTROOM | PROCEEDINGS | TIME |
|----------------|-----------|--|------|
| Judge McGarity | 3-B | Criminal/Civil Motions | 9:00 |
| Judge Murphy | HR 3-4 | Criminal Pleas | 9:00 |
| Judge Pivcoak | 2-B | Civil Jury Trial - Day 2 | 9:30 |
| Judge Provost | --- | Chambers | --- |
| Judge Shenko | --- | Chambers | --- |
| Mag. Dente | --- | Chambers | --- |
| Mag. Ellis | --- | Chambers | --- |
| Mag. Friedman | --- | Chambers | --- |
| Small Claims | 1-B/1-A | Small Claims Pretrial (Mediation Only) | 8:15 |

Friday, March 18, 2016 8:45 AM HR 3-4 Child Support Writs 8:45
Jail Arraignments 9:00

Attention: All Cell Phones and Electronic Devices must be turned off in the Courtroom.

A technology often seen at airports to help people find their destination is now on display at the Collier County Justice Complex. Several flat screen television monitors have been put on the first, second, third and fourth floors at the courthouse. The monitors display the Judge's daily calendars and direct the public to the appropriate courtroom/hearing room. On the first floor they are displayed above the assignment board. The other three are displayed on the wall facing the elevators on the second, third and fourth floors. The monitors were up and running on December 14, 2015.

Judges Volunteer for Edison Festival of Lights Grand Parade

While on the bench, they are typically the people who are front and center. But during the Edison Festival of Lights Grand Parade, it is rare if you catch a glimpse of these judges who are working hard behind the scenes.

For the past 26 years, Judge G. Keith Cary has volunteered during the parade. He started when he became a County Judge and has since moved up the ranks to Deputy Parade Director. On parade day he's responsible for supervising 35 volunteers who conduct the parade, all of the parade marshals, and the some 200 units in the parade. He starts his day off at 6:00 a.m. at Fort Myers High School and then once the parade starts he moves to Edwards Drive to troubleshoot any problems with the units.

Another Judge who is hard at work during the parade is Retired Judge Edward Volz. For nearly 20 years he has been a Section Marshall for the parade, taking care of section one. This is comprised of all the area dignitaries, the color guard, and also the fire trucks. This is an important section for Judge Volz as he is a former firefighter.

Joining Judge Cary and Volz this year was Judge Robert Branning, who has taken a role as Section Marshall. Judge Cary says Branning was given section five, which is the last leg of the parade, because he's the newest. Judge John Duryea was also involved in the parade for several years, but he retired his duties this year.



Left to Right: Judge G. Keith Cary, State Attorney Steve Russell, Retired Judge Edward Volz, and Judge Archie Hayward. Russell and Hayward walked in parade with their rotary club.

Lee Co. Court Security Begins Internship Program



CSO Interns Brent Saltzman and Pablo Jaramillo

Lee County Court Security is giving students the opportunity to explore the criminal justice field by implementing a Court Security internship program. For the current semester, the department has welcomed two students from Florida Gulf Coast University.

Director Jeff Torain began the internship program to offer an opportunity for criminal justice students to learn about the different facets of

public safety and how security is handled in a courthouse. Students are able to learn not only from current law enforcement officers, but also from those working outside the typical law enforcement fields, such as probation and pretrial officers.

The program began in the Fall Semester of 2015 with intern, Brent Saltzman. Pablo Jaramillo joined the team shortly after. Both are seniors at FGCU and are majoring in Criminal Justice. Both plan to graduate in May 2016. The students work two days a week for eight hours each day.

Saltzman and Jaramillo are working not only at the security checkpoints, but are also learning about the administrative functions. One of their top projects was taking inventory of the 300 plus cameras in the facility. They have been able to also observe trials and hearings, too.

Saltzman is interested in working for Hillsborough County as a Sheriff's Deputy. Jaramillo says he is also interested in becoming a law enforcement officer, but is exploring his options in the psychology field as well.

Charlotte Officers Attend Crisis Intervention Training

On February 26, 2016, Pretrial Officer Diana Binns, Probation Officer Ruben DeJesus, Probation Officer Marisol Robles and Pretrial Officer Deborah Ruhland (*below*) attended and graduated from a week long Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) Training.

Training on mental health signs and symptoms, appropriate medications and their side effects, use of verbal de-escalation techniques, understanding of Baker Act and Marchman Act, legal issues pertaining to mental health, drug/alcohol intoxication and withdrawal, complex role playing scenarios, and site visits to Charlotte Behavioral Health Care Crisis Stabilization Unit and Recovery Center, Charlotte County Homeless Coalition and Riverside Behavioral Health.

Charlotte County Criminal Justice Behavior Health Advisory Council brought the training to Char-

lotte County in 2009. Since then, Charlotte Behavioral Health Care has had trainings twice per year and recently increased the number to three times per year.



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Upcoming Events...

Judge Devin George Investiture on April 22nd at 3:00 p.m.

Second DCA Oral Arguments on May 6th at 8:30 a.m.

Judge Geoff Gentile's Investiture on May 20th at 3:00 p.m.

*For more information about the Twentieth Judicial
Circuit visit our website at www.ca.cjis220.org*



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