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Investitures Held for Two Judges



Third time's a charm for Twentieth Circuit Judge Geoffrey Gentile.

"I applied, I applied again, and I applied again," said Judge Gentile. "I thank Judge Pivacek for retiring because without her retirement and the hard work of the JNC, Governor

Rick Scott, lawyers and staff I wouldn't be here today."

Inside the Board of County Commission Chambers at the Old Lee County Courthouse on May 20, 2016, Judge Gentile was sworn in as Circuit Judge by Chief Judge Michael McHugh.

The room was packed with friends, family, and former coworkers. Two of whom spoke during the ceremony.

"Geoff is a mentor. At least once a week, if not more, he would walk from our office with the associates down to Bennett's to find out what was happening in their lives," said Attorney Michael Leonard.



Attorney Leonard worked as a partner with Judge Gentile at Boyle, Gentile & Leonard until Gentile's appointment to the bench. Judge 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.

Another former co-worker, Attorney Mark Boyle, also shared stories about working with Judge Gentile. He said that not only was Judge Gentile a great partner, but he is also a great friend. He told stories about Judge Gentile being there for his family, even though they aren't his own.

"In my 48 years on this earth I can't think of a better person to serve as the conscience of the community and for these families than Judge Gentile," said Attorney Boyle. Judge Gentile oversees the United Family Court Docket in Naples, which includes family law, dependency, and domestic violence injunctions.

The final special guest to speak on Gentile's behalf was Gary Aubuchon, who served as State Representative for six years and submitted a letter of recommendation to Governor Rick Scott.



"Southwest Florida is so very fortunate you have answered the call to service. I know the sacrifices you are making to answer this call and let me be among the first to thank you," said Mr. Aubuchon.

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Aubuchon has known Judge Gentile for several years both as a friend and as an attorney. Aubuchon explained how Gentile successfully represented his building companies in court during the recession and difficulties with the Chinese drywall challenge.

“He doesn’t always say what I want to hear, but what he says is always right,” said Aubuchon.

Judge Gentile grew up in Michigan and went to school at Florida State University where he received his bachelor’s and law degrees. He has been married to his wife Kathe for thirty years and they have three children.

“I never thought I would be addressing you right now. I am so honored and humbled by the amount of people who have supported me and continue to support me and who encouraged me through this process,” said Judge Devin George.

Lee County Judge Devin George was officially welcomed to the bench on Friday, April 22, 2016. In front of family, friends, and colleagues Judge George was sworn in by Retired Judge Edward Volz. The investiture was held at the Old Lee County Courthouse and featured speeches by Judge George’s



father, Thomas Swanson, and her husband, Brad George.

“I am more nervous in this moment than I have ever been in front of a jury,” said Thomas Swanson as he began his speech to his daughter.

Judge George’s father, who was also an attorney, spoke about his daughter growing up at the blink of an eye and becoming the accomplished woman she is today. He expressed how extremely proud he is of his daughter, but said there is one thing he would change.

“I wish mom was here. She would say to you Devin... just be yourself,” said Mr. Swanson. “Work hard and this path you are on is where you are meant to be.”

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.



Most recently she was helping supervise county court.

“My father always told me, Dev it’s not how you get somewhere that counts but it’s what you do when you get there,” said Judge George. “I will live by those words. As I stand here today I cannot tell you what kind of judge I am going to be, but I can tell you the kind of judge I want to be.”

Honorable. Well-Educated. Respectful. These are some words that Judge George’s husband, Brad, found when searching for qualities a judge must possess. Unlike other family members, Brad explained that he has little knowledge of what it’s like to be an attorney.

But, one thing he did tell the audience about was Judge George’s passion. That passion is for law. 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. The same place her father graduated decades before.

“I saw her immerse herself as a young misdemeanor attorney at the State Attorney’s Office where passion for her work never folded. What has always amazed me about Devin is her passion for life,” said Brad George. “She is certainly honorable, reputable, ethical, knowledgeable, and everything else that Google told me she needs to be. It is in her passion that lies her potential for greatness.”



Fort Myers and Naples Attorney's Appointed to the County Bench



Chief Judge Michael McHugh and Judge Zachary Gill

Governor Rick Scott appointed Zachary M. Gill as Lee County Judge on June 24, 2016. Judge Gill was born and raised in Lee County. He is a graduate of Bishop Verot High School, Florida State University, and Barry University School of Law.

Judge Gill comes to the bench from Goldstein, Buckley, Cechman, Rice, and Purtz, P.A, where he was a partner. Prior to working at Goldstein, Buckley, Cechman, Rice, and Purtz, P.A Judge Gill worked as a trial attorney for the State Attorney's Office in Lee, Orange, and Osceola Counties.

Judge Gill is a member of the Lee County Bar Association, the Southwest Florida Seminole Club, and the Federalist Society. He is also a volunteer and past Executive Officer for the Edison Festival of Light.

Judge Gill fills the vacancy created by the appointment of Judge Leigh Frizzell Hayes to the Twentieth Judicial Circuit Court. He was sworn in by Chief Judge Michael McHugh on July 11, 2016.

Judge Brown was appointed by Governor Rick Scott to fill the seat vacated by the retirement of Collier County Judge Vince Murphy. Prior to his appointment, he was an Assistant State Attorney in the 20th Circuit for seven years. He started in Collier County court and then moved to the Lee County felony division, followed by the special victims unit, and ultimately to the economic crimes unit, which handles cases in all five counties of the 20th Circuit.

While not a native Floridian, Judge Brown has lived in this state for over 35 years. He received both his undergraduate and law degrees from Florida State University before starting his career on the east coast of Florida, where he practiced law as both a prosecutor and criminal defense attorney. He moved to Collier County in 2009 to join his wife Jennifer, who has been an Assistant State Attorney in Naples since 2007. They have a two year old daughter and are expecting the birth of their second child in November.

Judge Brown will preside over criminal cases, civil cases, municipal and county ordinance violations, and traffic cases. He was sworn in by Judge McHugh on August 2, 2016.



Chief Judge Michael McHugh and Judge Michael Brown

Watch Florida Court's Long-Range Strategic Plan Video

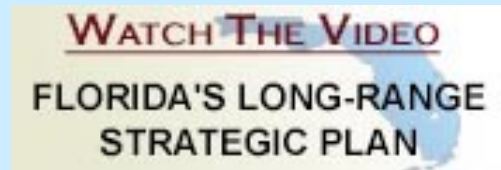
Information from: FL Supreme Court News Release

Florida's judicial branch has updated its long-range strategic plan, taking into consideration demographic, economic, social, technological and legal challenges likely to face the state's courts through the year 2021.

"Justice: Fair and Accessible to All" was drafted by a workgroup of the Judicial Management Council, which collected as much data as possible to develop a long-range plan that would allow Florida's courts to be responsive to the needs of the state's families, businesses and anyone who turns to the courts. Surveys elicited nearly 6,000 responses from attorneys, witnesses, victims, defendants, jurors, court staff, court clerks, and members of the general public. The JMC workgroup also held six public forums around the state.

There are five issues addressed in the plan, which are: Deliver Justice Effectively, Efficiently, and Fairly; Enhance Access to Justice and Court Services; Improve Understanding of the Judicial Process; Modernize the Administration of Justice and Operation of Court Facilities; and Maintain a Professional, Ethical, and Skilled Judiciary and Workforce.

You can view the video highlighting the goals and issues of the plan on our website. Just look for this icon on the front page.



Second DCA Judges Visit Lee County for Law Week

Southwest Florida students met with three Judges from the Second District Court of Appeals during their annual trip to the Lee County Justice Center for Law Week.

Judge John Badalamenti, Judge Daniel Sleet, and Judge Samuel Salario, Jr. (*pictured right*) met with students from Dunbar High School, Island Coast High School, South Fort Myers High School, and East Lee County High School. Students first had a question and answer session with the Judges where they asked about the steps to become a judge, the various levels of the court system, and the purpose of the Court of Appeals. The judges then presided over Oral Arguments before attending the Law Week Awards Luncheon.

Law Week is put on every year by the Lee County Bar Association and is chaired by Twentieth Circuit Judge John Carlin.



Judge Lauren Brodie Honored by Lee County Women Lawyers



The Lee County Association for Women Lawyers honored Circuit Judge Lauren L. Brodie at its 2016 Judicial Appreciation Reception on May 5, 2016. The Reception was held at the Marina at Edison Ford.

Judge Brodie was named Woman Lawyer of the Year by the Collier County Women's Bar Association (CCWBA) in June of 2015 for displaying excellence in her career, overcoming stereotypes, and promoting the status of women in the legal profession.

In May of 2015, Judge Brodie was selected as an Extraordinary Woman Leader in the State of Florida by the Florida Association for Women Lawyers (FAWL) for her accomplishments as a

woman lawyer who displayed vision, courage and passion in her community. She was chosen for her dedication and commitment in creating Drug Free Collier where she served as its first President from 2005-2009. During her tenure, she created the Annual Community Awareness Luncheon and established several initiatives, including Operation Medicine Cabinet. Judge Brodie currently serves on Drug Free Collier's Leadership Council.

Judge Brodie has served with distinction in every division of the Circuit Court since her appointment to the Twentieth Judicial Circuit Court bench in October 2001 by Governor Jeb Bush.

Prior to relocating to Naples, Judge Brodie served as a Circuit Court Judge for the Eleventh Judicial Circuit from 1995-1998 and as a County Court Judge in Miami-Dade County from 1991-1994. She also served as the Assistant City Attorney for the City of North Miami Beach from 1983-1990.

Judge Brodie served as a faculty member of the Florida Judicial College from 1992-1998 and from 2007-2011, where she taught newly-elected and newly-appointed judges before they take the

bench. Judge Brodie has taught at state-wide conferences for Circuit and County Court Judges, and has been an active member of both the Florida Conference of Circuit and County Court Judges.

Judge Brodie participates in many civic and law related activities in the community. She is a proud member of the Collier County Women's Bar Association and Florida Association for Women Lawyers (FAWL), and served as President of Dade FAWL from 1988-1989. She also served as Chairperson of the Collier County Juvenile Justice Council from 2004-2006 and was its Vice-Chair in 2009. Judge Brodie has actively volunteered with mock trial competitions and other law-related activities and education.

In January 2007, Judge Brodie received the 2007 Florida Supreme Court Chief Justice's Distinguished Judicial Service Award which is given to the one judge in the State of Florida who has given the most outstanding service in the area of pro bono legal assistance. Judge Brodie is married and together with her husband, has four children and one grandchild.

Celebrating Judge Cynthia Pivacek's Retirement

Pictures are courtesy of the Collier County Bar



More than 250 people attended Circuit Judge Cynthia Pivacek's Retirement Party on May 12, 2016. It was held at Grey Oaks Country Club and hosted by the Collier County Bar Association.



Running Brings Judges Together

Written by: Circuit Judge Christine Greider

Anyone who knows Judge Mike McHugh knows that he has long been a man of many talents. In nearly every capacity in which he has served as Circuit Court Judge, and now as Chief Judge, he has been a great leader and supporter to his colleagues, Court Administration and the bar associations throughout the circuit.

Speaking of talents (not mine, but his), I learned that Judge McHugh and I shared a common interest in running. You should know that I love to run *and* that I am not good at it. I have served in every County in the Circuit and always looked at it as an opportunity to find a new running route in all five of the counties. When I started my Circuit Judge career in Hendry County, I quickly found a map to highlight all of the roads upon which I ventured. I was also chased by a pack of unleashed dogs during one lunch hour. Judge Sloan will corroborate this story. In Charlotte County, there was the beauty of the bridge going over the Peace River. On a hot summer day, nothing is better than the shade trees that line Macgregor Blvd in Fort Myers. Now, I am back home in Collier County and sometimes run to work, to the dismay of the Bailiff Bureau. However, I have never met a stranger when I am out running. Technically, my running is really jogging, because I am not fast. At all.

So, you can imagine how happy I was to

see my colleague and friend, Judge Mike McHugh bright and early one Saturday morning at a 10K race (about 6.2 miles) in my hometown of Naples. Great! I thought, I can stand with him at the start line. For me, the start line is a subjective and not an objective location. He was standing at the very front of a crowd of about 700. My "go to" start line is about the second from the last line of runners. The back of the pack is like the Bar in "Cheers". We all know each other. No problem, I thought. I will catch up to enjoy the race with Judge McHugh.

That morning was an extremely sunny one in Pelican Bay. It was an "out and back" course, so you could see the runners ahead of you, running toward you after they made the turn. As I got to about mile 2.5 I could see the silhouette of the leader. Running like a gazelle. Oh, to be a 20 year old, I thought. Then I saw that the silhouette was none other than Judge McHugh! Way ahead of anyone. No one in view behind him! He would not be offended in my telling you that he is not in the 20-25 male age bracket. Of course when I saw him, I stopped and crossed the road median, where I waved, clapped and said hello, all of which was completely unnoticed by Judge McHugh, because he was running far too fast and seriously to notice.

Fast forward about one hour and eight minutes after the start of the race, as I

rounded the last turn toward the finish line, just slightly ahead of the pick-up truck loading up the last of the course markers and cones indicating the end of the race. There he was, the first place finisher, Judge Mike McHugh. Yes, he finished the race in less than half the time I did and completely beat every other runner in the field, but waited till the bitter end to congratulate me.

Generally, I discourage flash photography, particularly while I am running. But here we are. One, a former University of Florida track star running a 5:55 minute per mile pace and the other, well..... happy to have finished and very proud of her colleague and friend!



Circuit Judge Christine Greider and Chief Judge Michael McHugh

Judge Tara Paluck Awarded During County Judge Conference



On July 12th, 2016 Lee County Judge Tara Paluck was awarded the President's Award for Outstanding Service during the Conference of County Court Judges Conference in Ponte Vedra, FL.

As Technology Chair, Judge Paluck worked tirelessly to interview, research, and investigate vendors for the Conference of County Court Judges website, which hadn't been updated in several years. At each step of the way, she held countless telephonic meetings with stakeholders to make the website happen. She did an excellent job and was rewarded by the President of CCCJ, Judge Augustus D. Aikens Jr.

Judge Janeice Martin Takes Honorable Flight

On Saturday, April 23, 2016 Collier County Judge Janeice Martin took off on Mission 8 for a one-day trip to the nation's capitol with Collier County's Honor Flight.

Their day started at 3:30 am at the Naples Airport, where they boarded buses for a police-escorted trip to RSW Airport. Approx 70 veterans and 70 guardians, along with CCHF board members, all boarded the chartered flight to Reagan National. While in Washington, D.C. the group toured the WWII Memorial, the Air Force Memorial, the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier (and saw the Changing of the Guard), the Korean and Vietnam War Memorials, and the Marine Corps / Iwo Jima Memorial. They then returned back to Southwest Florida where they were greeted by well over one-thousand members of the community.

Judge Martin served as a "guardian" for veteran Frank Lagonigro (pictured on the right). Frank was stationed in Germany during the Korean War, where his group was sent to relieve some of the WWII troops. As his guardian, it was Judge Martin's job to take care of anything and everything that Frank might need in order comfortably to enjoy his special day. While during the flights and bus rides, the veterans sit with other veterans, giving them the opportunity to enjoy the company of his fellow service members for much of the day.

"Honor Flight is one of those experiences that you never forget. A singular honor. The whole day was powerful and emotional and inspirational. Being in the presence of all of these great men and women who quietly sacrificed so much to protect our freedom was humbling, and a wonderful reminder of just how much we take for granted every day. Frank and his wife are now lifelong friends to me, and

I'm incredibly grateful for having had the opportunity to be a part of this great effort," said Judge Martin.



Security Director Graduates with Doctorate

For three years, Director of Court Security for Lee County Jeff Torain, travelled back and forth to New Jersey. It was the minimum amount of time he had to complete a Doctorate of Science. The program, Civil Security Leadership, Management, and Policy, is a brand new degree from New Jersey City University. There were only 21 people selected for his class, and just nine completed the program in three years. Torain was one of them.

Director Torain has worked for the 20th Judicial Circuit Administrative Office for six years. Previously, he worked at the Governors office in New York and is a retired New York State Police Investigator. He also received a special assignment to the New York State Ethics Commission. For two years, Torain also served as the Deputy Police Chief for Opa-Locka, Flor-

ida. He has a bachelors in Political Science and a Masters in Business Administration.

Along with taking classes related to the program, Director Torain also wrote a nearly 100 page dissertation. The title was “An Analysis of the Impact of Violent Crime on Community Resilience in Low-Income Urban Neighborhoods as it Relates to Civil Security Leadership, Management, and Policy.”

He interviewed mayors, city managers, and municipal policymakers nationwide on their views regarding the relationship between violent crime and the community’s ability to react. This was done by sending participants a 5-point Likert scale. Participant actions and perceptions were measured concerning their interaction with residents, public policy, as well as perceptions

of local government.

The dissertation says, “the end-goal of this research was to further develop the established body of knowledge in the area of civil security leadership, management, and policy as it relates to a national strategy to address the issues of poverty and crime in urban communities in order to achieve a higher level of societal resilience.”

Director Torain says that he plans to use the data he compiled to consult and also teach at the university level. He hopes the survey instrument for his study will be used as a basis for the development of a new instrument that will expand the study and improve municipal policymaker participation.

Lee County Recognizes Probation and PreTrial Week

During the week of July 17, 2016, Lee County recognized the work probation, pretrial and community supervision professionals do to promote public safety. This year, the Administrative Office of the Courts Criminal Division not only recognized staff, but also gave back to the community they serve.

For the first time, the division decided to adopt the Multicultural Centre of Southwest Florida’s Annual Big Backpack Event. The 17th Annual Big Backpack Event took place on Sunday, July 31, 2016 at the Harborside Event Center. The Lee County Criminal Division raised \$150 dollars, which sponsored 15 students. They also donated a variety of school supplies and volunteered their time at the event.

Today in America, there are more than five million adults on community supervision and most of these individuals are monitored by pretrial, probation and parole officers. In Lee County, there were approximately 5,800 individuals ordered on probation. The average success rate is approximately 65%. Success rate is defined as satisfactorily complying with all conditions set forth by the court. During fiscal year 2014 – 2015, there were approximately 2,700 placed on Pretrial Supervision. The average success rate is approximately 79%. Monitoring may take the form of home contacts, drug testing, making sure the probationer attends counseling sessions and helping to find suitable housing and employment. Officers also supervise probationers using electronic monitoring equipment which requires expert knowledge of newer technologies while reducing costs to the tax payers.



Big Backpack Event Co-Chair Leonardo Garcia collects donations from Criminal Division Director Liza Maldonado



Maldonado and Scott Peckham volunteered at the event with their families

Lee County Teen Court Making a Difference



Teen Court Program Coordinator Stacey Lowe along with teen volunteers, attorney's, and LCSO Explorers.

Lee County Teen Court completes another successful year. On June 2, an "End of the Year Celebration" was held with about 30 of its current members at the Oasis II Restaurant at the Lee County Justice Center.

At the end of the program each year, Teen Court attorneys, clerks, bailiffs, and other participants gather to receive awards and share stories. The purpose of the yearlong program is to get at-risk youth back on track. Similar to adult court, the teenage defendants will appear before a jury of their peers. The jurors are also teens themselves, as are the attorneys, clerks, and bailiffs. The only adult is an attorney who serves as the Judge.

Teen Court is a Diversion Program, designed to keep first-time, non-violent Juvenile offenders out of the mainstream or formal Court system. Juvenile offenders must admit their guilt in order to qualify, as the Teen Court session is actually a Disposition/Sentencing hearing. Defense attorneys and prosecuting attorneys are represented by teenaged Teen Court Members as are the members of the jury. The Sheriff's Department Explorers are the Bailiffs; local attorneys volunteer as Judge and as Mentors for the teenaged defense and prosecution attorneys. Mentors work with the teenaged attorneys to prepare their case before court, while the Judge sits on the bench during the proceedings.

The teenaged defendants are given sanctions by the jury and must complete the sanctions successfully. One sanction given to the defendants is to attend Teen Court for anywhere between two and five sessions (based on jury recommendations), and act as jury

members for new defendants. Once the defendants complete their sanctions, the State Attorney's office is notified and their case is closed.

Sanctions imposed by Teen Court Juries include:

- Community Service
- Workbooks on Juvenile Law, Consequences of Crime, Bullying, Conflict Resolution
- Workshops to include Juvenile Crime Prevention (A therapist works with the defendants on the importance of personal goals and methods to avoid re-arrest) and a Jail Workshop (in which a Sheriff's Department official and current adult detainee discuss the realities of jail life).
- Ten Year Life Plan
- Meeting with colleges or vocational school programs
- Essays on the impact of crime on society

Since December 2015, Lee County's Teen Court has had five defendants join the program as permanent members following the completion of their sanctions. We have had two other members join following recommendations by their schools. Permanent members of Teen Court must maintain good grades and must volunteer at least one session per month. Permanent members are awarded Community Service hours for their efforts which are used towards the completion of the hours required by their high schools.

Teen Court works in partnership with the State Attorney's Office, the Public Defender's Office, Private Attorneys, The Department of Juvenile Justice and the Schools. Referrals to Diversion Programs are made by the State Attorney's Office. The State Attorney's Office is notified of the successes of the Members and on the rare occasion that a defendant does not complete the sanctions, the case is referred back for prosecution. Since December 2015, there has been a 95% success rate with only 5% of all juveniles having to be referred back to the State Attorney's office for failure to complete the required sanctions.

Teen Court is held on Thursday evenings from 5:30 to 7:30 (approximate ending time) in Courtroom 1-A of the Lee County Justice Center concurrent with the school year.

An extended thank you goes out to the staff of the Oasis II Restaurant for allowing the Teen Court team to host their party at the venue.

Employees Receive Interactive Training

Over four days in May 2016, employees of the Twentieth Judicial Circuit Administrative Office of the Courts took part in a full-day of training at the Lee County Tax Collectors Office. The workshops were hosted by Ms. Yolanda Lewis who is the District Court Administrator of the Atlanta Judicial Circuit and the Court Administrator for the Superior Court of Fulton County. Ms. Lewis has been credited with creating the Regional Justice Technology Expo for the Southeast Region of the United States and at least two award-winning court programs, one of which has been noted as a “National Best Practice” by the Justice Management Institute.

Participants learned about historical trends and development of the structure and value of the court system. There were several interactive group activities that encouraged people to look at and discuss their role in providing equal access to all; ensuring fairness and allowing for diversity within our court system.

The training course addressed the core skill sets that are critical to court administrators, managers and staff. Through this training, employees should now have a better understanding of the values and legal concepts that have shaped the American court system. This training allowed participants to apply the overall values and goals of the court system to the Twentieth Judicial Circuit, and make the connection between their position function and the Court Performance Standards. As a result of this training, participants will be able to recognize the importance of court leadership in ensuring accessibility to the courts and remaining good stewards of public trust and confidence.

At time of print, all employees who are full time, part time, on-call and Manpower or third-party contract workers have been

instructed to complete “Preventing Sexual Harassment-A Guide for Employees” by September 30th, 2016. While, managers, supervisors, and lead staff will need to complete a two-hour Sexual Harassment and Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) Training and a 30-minute web-based training entitled “Teambuilding for Supervisors.” Both need to be completed by December 31, 2016. Everyone should have received a link to the “Training Today” website via email, as well as your unique login and passcode information.



Screening Suspicious Mail Training



The Lee County Court Security Department in cooperation with the United States Postal Inspection Service (USPIS) conducted a mail training session on April 22, 2016 for court employees. USPIS Inspector Mark Cavic discussed ways to

screen suspicious mail and how to handle mail items containing a potentially dangerous biological item.

If someone receives an item of mail that looks or contains something suspicious, Cavic says to isolate it immediately. If possible, place the item in a clear container or plastic bag. Most importantly, contact your supervisor and the authorities.

Some characteristics of a suspicious letter or mail bomb may be:

- No return address
- Restrictive markings
- Excessive tape
- Stains or wires noticeable
- Misspelled words, badly typed or written
- Excessive postage
- Strange odor

Courts Participate in Take Your Kids to Work Day

Lee County



Charlotte County



NACM Award for Outstanding Early Career Professional

Lee County Deputy Criminal Division Director Amy Kinsey was selected by the National Association of Court Management (NACM), amongst many national court professionals, for the Early Career Professional Award.

The Early Career Professional award is presented annually to recognize service and contributions to the profession of court administration and the judicial system by an early career professional. Specifically, Kinsey is recognized for undertaking the complete re-write of Pretrial Services accreditation standards for the state of Florida and serving as a key contributor to the development of misdemeanor probation standards. As well, she has done an excellent job of utilizing the NACM core principles of purposes and responsibilities of court in serving as a leader for the Criminal Division. During Kinsey's 11-year career with the department, she has been instrumental in the implementation and

development of many successful programs such as: Felony Drug Court; Felony Case Management; Intake/Investigation Unit risk instrument and the use of Motivational Interviewing for the PTS team.



Criminal Division Director Liza Maldonado accepts award for Ms. Kinsey at NACM Conference

Volunteers Awarded During Annual Appreciation Dinner

Nineteen Awards were given out during the 2016 Arbitration and Mediation Advisory Board Annual Appreciation Dinner. One award was given out for 35 years of service! The dinner is put on each year to thank the volunteers who devote countless hours to Mediation and Juvenile Arbitration throughout the 20th Judicial Circuit.

Mediators, arbitrators, judges and friends attended the event at the Crown Plaza hosted by Alternative Dispute Resolution/Civil Manager Jack Hughes, the Honorable James Adams and the Honorable Michael McHugh.



Those who received awards for their years of service were:

- Peggy Freshour : 35 years
- Barbara Gillette True : 20 years
- George Traicoff : 10 years
- Joseph Siderio : 10 years
- Don A. Salyer : 10 years
- Kenneth Johnson : 10 years
- Rose Hishmeh : 10 years
- Martin Freling : 10 years
- Richard Fein : 10 years
- Mary Dooley : 10 years
- Bibi Bac : 10 years
- Ronalee Ashby : 10 years
- Cornelius Smith : 5 years
- Rudy Rouse : 5 years
- Thomas Robinson : 5 years
- Marilyn Smith Mooney : 5 years
- W. Mike Maxwell : 5 years
- Thomas Lengauer : 5 years
- Anthony Haisch : 5 years

Are You Hurricane Ready?

1. Be Prepared BEFORE the Emergency

- Develop a family disaster plan (see www.ready.gov).
- Develop a disaster supply kit (see www.ready.gov).
- Keep your contact information with Human Resources up-to-date.
- Keep your information in your division's phone tree up-to-date.
- Know your floor monitor.
- Be familiar with the Emergency Evacuation Plan for the court facility in which you work.

2. Stay Safe and Informed DURING the Emergency

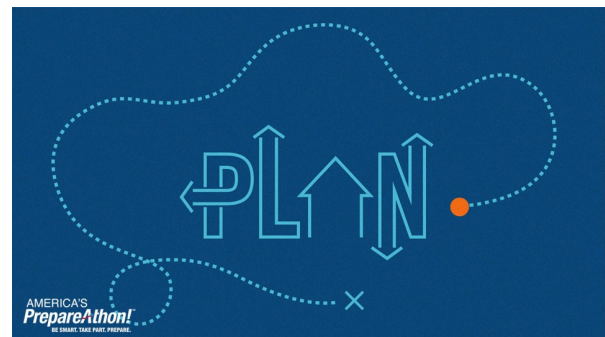
- Find a safe place—and stay there
- Say informed using:
 1. The 20th Judicial Circuit web site (www.ca.cjis20.org) or twitter (@SWFLCourts)
 2. Local Radio and television stations
 3. A NOAA weather radio
 4. Be ready to receive and forward information via phone
 5. Your work e-mail

3. Recover and Restore AFTER the Emergency

- Seek assistance for medical and other personal needs if necessary.
- Stay informed using the available means listed above.
- Follow instructions as provided.

4. Recover and Restore Court Operations AFTER the Emergency

- Complete step 3 and insure the safety of your family and property.
- Stay informed using the available means listed above.
- Follow instructions as provided.
- Report to your regular work location or alternate relocation site as directed.



2016 Hurricane Outlook

As of late May, NOAA's Climate Prediction Center says the 2016 Atlantic hurricane season, which runs from June 1 through November 30, will most likely be near-normal, but forecast uncertainty in the climate signals that influence the formation of Atlantic storms make predicting this season particularly difficult.

NOAA predicts a 70 percent likelihood of 10 to 16 named storms (winds of 39 mph or higher), of which 4 to 8 could become hurricanes (winds of 74 mph or higher), including 1 to 4 major hurricanes (Category 3, 4 or 5; winds of 111 mph or higher). While a near-normal season is most likely with a 45 percent chance, there is also a 30 percent chance of an above-normal season and a 25 percent chance of a below-normal season.

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Upcoming Events:

Lee County Judge Zachary Gill's Investiture

&

Collier County Judge Michael Brown's

Investiture

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