

☐ The 17<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit welcomes Judge Raag Singhal, who was sworn in to office today, September 30, by Chief Judge Peter M. Weinstein. Florida Governor Rick Scott appointed the criminal defense attorney to the 17 th Circuit last month, to fill the judicial vacancy created this summer when Judge Victor Tobin resigned from the circuit.

Judge Singhal has practiced criminal law for more than 20 years, mostly serving in private practice. He served in the State Attorney's Office from 1990-1993 and briefly in the civil field from 1989-1990. He obtained his law degree from Wake Forest University and his undergraduate degree from Rice University.

Judge Singhal is assigned to the criminal division, and will begin on the bench Monday, October 3.