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Judicial Management Council Recognizes Judge Robert W. Lee with Award of Excellence

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. – The 17th Judicial Circuit is delighted to announce that Judge Robert W. Lee has been named recipient of the Judicial Management Council's (JMC) Award of Excellence for his years of dedicated service on the JMC.

Chief Justice Carlos G. Muñoz presented Judge Lee with the award on Dec. 17th at the quarterly meeting of the JMC in Tallahassee.

This prestigious award recognizes Judge's Lee's contributions to the JMC from July 1, 2014 - Dec. 31, 2024. Judge Lee – who is retiring at the end of December after 27 years on the bench -- was reappointed to the JMC by three consecutive Chief Justices – Judges Jorge Labarga, Charles T. Canady and Muñoz. Each appointment was for three years.

“Judge Lee has had a profound impact on the Florida court system. His contributions are far too many to list,” Chief Judge Jack Tuter said. “His wisdom and hard work will be missed in the 17th Judicial Circuit. We wish Judge Lee a happy and healthy retirement.”

An inscription on the award reads as follows: "Your extraordinary contributions to the Council and your participation in initiatives through the Council have fundamentally improved the administration of justice. Your commitment to the rule of law and the community's well-being stands as a beacon of excellence in the industry."

The JMC was conceived as a “forward-looking advisory body to deftly assist the chief justice and the supreme court in proactively identifying trends, potential crisis situations, and means to address them.”

The Council was designed to function as a nimble body that can respond swiftly and dynamically to administrative issues the branch is facing.

ABOUT THE SEVENTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA

The Seventeenth Judicial Circuit Court of Florida is the court for Broward County, headquartered in Fort Lauderdale, FL. It is the second largest circuit court in the state. Broward County has 90 judges. Of those, 32 are county court judges and 58 are circuit judges. Four courthouses comprise the 17th circuit and include the Broward County Courthouse in Fort Lauderdale, and three satellite courthouses: the North Regional Courthouse in Deerfield Beach, the West Regional Courthouse in Plantation and the South Regional Courthouse in Hollywood.

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