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Broward Judge Honored with Justice Peggy A. Quince Judicial Excellence Award for Outstanding Service

Fort Lauderdale, FL – The 17th Judicial Circuit is delighted to announce that Judge Michael A. Robinson has been named recipient of the prestigious Justice Peggy A. Quince Judicial Excellence Award, in recognition of his outstanding service and significant contribution to the fair administration of justice for all people.

The Virgil Hawkins Florida Chapter National Bar Association presented the award to Judge Robinson on November 22 at the FAMU College of Law in Orlando, FL. Judge Robinson is a Plantation, FL resident.

“I am very honored and humbled to receive this award. Members of the judiciary must follow the law and make rulings accordingly,” Judge Robinson said. “We are gladiators for justice, equity, fairness for all. We must maintain and support the rule of law.”

Judge Robinson has served the judiciary since 2007, when he was appointed General Magistrate. In 2010, Governor Charlie Crist appointed him to serve as a circuit court judge. He currently presides in Civil Court.

Chief Judge Jack Tuter said the honor is “consequential achievement.”

“Judge Robinson’s work on the independence and diversity of the judiciary is never ending. There is no judge in this state more deserving of this recognition,” Tuter said.

“Profound and positive” is how Benjamin J. Garcia, president of the Virgil Hawkins Florida Chapter National Bar Association, described Judge Robinson’s impact on the South Florida community.

“Your dedication to upholding the highest standards of judicial conduct aligns perfectly with the principles for which this award was established,” Garcia wrote in a letter announcing the award. “Your tireless efforts in multiple areas of the law have set a standard of excellence and your impact has been felt far beyond the courtroom.”

In 2022, Judge Robinson received the Judicial Diversity Initiative Award that recognizes judges who promote diversity in the legal profession and on the bench. In 2021, he received the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Broward County Black Pan Hellenic Council. He has also previously been honored by the Broward Bar Association, the T.J. Reddick Bar Association, the Haitian Bar association and the Caribbean Bar Association.

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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