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Judge Lauren M. Alperstein Honored with Tzedek Award for Commitment to Justice

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. – The 17th Judicial Circuit proudly announces that Judge Lauren M. Alperstein has been recognized with the prestigious Tzedek Award in honor of her steadfast commitment to justice and fairness. The Jewish Bar Association presented the award on May 29, 2025, in observance of Jewish American Heritage Month.

"The Tzedek Award is a testament to her dedication and unwavering service to justice," said Chief Judge Carol-Lisa Phillips. "On behalf of the 17th Judicial Circuit, we congratulate Judge Alperstein on receiving this distinguished honor."

The Tzedek Award is presented to individuals who exemplify the principles of justice and equality, making this recognition especially meaningful. During the event, held at the 110 Tower in Fort Lauderdale, Broward County Commissioner Nan H. Rich also presented Judge Alperstein with an official proclamation declaring May 29th as "Judge Lauren Alperstein Appreciation Day" in Broward County.

"I am deeply honored to receive the Tzedek Award from the Broward County Bar Association and the Jewish Bar Association," said Judge Alperstein. "This recognition holds profound personal and professional meaning for me. As a Jewish judge, the values of justice, fairness, and compassion are not only central to my role on the bench but are also deeply rooted in the traditions and teachings that have shaped my life. The concept of *tzedek*—justice—is a guiding principle in both Jewish thought and the legal system, and I am humbled to be acknowledged for striving to uphold it in service to my community and the law. I share this honor with my colleagues, mentors, and family, whose unwavering support and commitment to justice continue to inspire me every day."

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.

