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Two Judges from the 17th Judicial Circuit Receive Top Honors at Statewide Conference

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. – The 17th Judicial Circuit is proud to announce that two of its County Court judges have been recognized with top honors during the 2025 Conference of County Court Judges of Florida, held this week in Bonita Springs.

County Court Judge **Jackie Powell** was elected **Vice President of the Fourth District Court of Appeal (DCA)**, succeeding fellow 17th Circuit Judge Florence Taylor Barner. In this leadership role, Judge Powell will serve a one-year term on the Conference's Executive Committee, which is dedicated to advancing the administration of justice and supporting continuing judicial education for County Court judges statewide.

"It's an honor to be nominated and elected by my colleagues to serve in this capacity," said Judge Powell. "I remain committed to maintaining the integrity of the judiciary."

In addition, **County Court Judge Tabitha B. Eves** was named **President-Elect of the Stephen R. Boohar American Inn of Court**, a prestigious organization focused on promoting professionalism, ethics, and legal excellence within the bench and bar.

Judge Eves said, "I am honored to be chosen as the president-elect of the Stephen R. Boohar Inn of Court. I am humbled for the opportunity to continue to impart professionalism and mentorship to lawyers and law students. I am grateful to follow in the footsteps of my predecessors."

Chief Judge Carol-Lisa Phillips praised the judges for their achievements.

"On behalf of the 17th Judicial Circuit, we congratulate Judge Powell on her election as Vice President of the 4th DCA," said Judge Phillips. "We also extend our congratulations to Judge Eves on her elevation to President-Elect of the Stephen R. Boohar Inn of Court."

Judges Powell and Eves joined hundreds of County Court judges from across the state for the annual conference, which ran from July 8–10 in Bonita Springs, Florida.

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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