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Broward Judge Leads Stephen R. Booher American Inn of Court to Platinum Status

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. – The 17th Judicial Circuit is delighted to announce the Stephen R. Booher American Inn of Courts has achieved Platinum status for the first time in 33 years under the leadership of County Judge Jackie Powell, organization president.

The National American Inns of Court determines status levels by evaluating the local Inn's administration, communications, program development, mentoring and outreach activities. For the last four years, the Inn attained and maintained gold status.

"All of us in the 17th Judicial Circuit are so proud of this organization. We thank the judges, attorneys and students for volunteering their time and commitment to excellence in mentoring and professionalism," said Acting Chief Judge Carol-Lisa Phillips.

In recognition of its accomplishment, the Stephen R. Booher Inn of Court has been invited to attend the Inn of Distinction gala in July at the United States Supreme Court.

Judge Powell directed community outreach engagements for the Inn. Last December, the Inn adopted a foster family for the holidays and filled the wishes of the children, and presented them during a holiday reception.

The mentoring aspect of Stephen R. Booher Inn includes law students from St. Thomas University, Benjamin Crump College of Law and Nova Southeastern University Shepard Broad College of Law.

"I truly believe in the principle of leaving something better than you found it," Judge Powell said.

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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