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Judges Levenson and Gillespie Honored at Broward County Bar Association's 2025 Gala

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. – The 17th Judicial Circuit proudly announces that Circuit Court Judges Jeffrey R. Levenson and Kenneth Gillespie were honored with distinguished awards at the Broward County Bar Association's (BCBA) 2025 Annual Installation Dinner & Gala, celebrating its 100th anniversary. The event took place on June 21 at the Ritz-Carlton in Fort Lauderdale.

Judge Jeffrey R. Levenson received the prestigious **Stephen R. Booher Award**, presented in recognition of his *humanity, integrity, and dedication to the Bench, Bar, and community*. Judge Levenson currently serves in the Circuit Civil Division.

Judge Kenneth Gillespie was honored with the **Executive Director's Award**, acknowledging his *outstanding commitment, loyalty, and service to the Bar and legal community*. Judge Gillespie serves as the Administrative Judge of the Probate Division.

Chief Judge Carol-Lisa Phillips praised both honorees, stating:

"The 17th Judicial Circuit congratulates Judge Kenneth Gillespie on receiving the Executive Director's Award and Judge Jeffrey R. Levenson on receiving the Stephen R. Booher Award from the Broward County Bar Association. Their dedication and contributions to the legal community are truly commendable."

Both judges expressed humility and gratitude for the recognition.

"I share this recognition with the dedicated judges, attorneys, judicial assistants, deputies, and clerks who are the backbone of our courthouse," said Judge Levenson. "The people of Broward County are fortunate to have the support of the BCBA, an organization deeply committed to justice, ethics, legal education, and public service."

Judge Gillespie added, "I am both honored and humbled by this recognition. Personally, it reinforces a principle I've always instilled in my children: 'Commit and follow through.' Once you commit, it becomes your responsibility to follow through."

The 17th Judicial Circuit extends its congratulations to both judges on these well-earned honors.

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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