

# STATE OF FLORIDA

#### FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

## ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURTS





**Daniel B. Merritt, Sr.** Chief Judge **David M. Trammell**Trial Court Administrator

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## PRESS RELEASE

#### JUSTICE TEACHING INSTITUTE

Florida Supreme Court Justice R. Fred Lewis returns to the Fifth Judicial Circuit on Thursday, March 29, 2012, to participate as faculty at the Annual Justice Teaching Institute being held this year at the Hernando County Courthouse. Along with Justice Lewis' case study presentation, attendees will be welcomed by Fifth Judicial Circuit Chief Judge Daniel B. Merritt, Sr., followed by the Importance of an Independent Judiciary, by County Judge Donald Scaglione, an Overview of the Criminal and Civil Trial Courts by Robert Lewis, Esq. and Bruce Snow, Esq., Importance of the Constitution, by County Judge Kurt Hitzemann, and the Mechanics of a Trial, by Circuit Judge Anthony Tatti.

The Justice Teaching Institute is presented by the Fifth Judicial Circuit, the Hernando County Bar Association, and the Hernando County Schools. The Institute's goals are to educate teachers so they can better understand the courts and bring that knowledge gained to the classroom. This year's Institute will have 25 available spots and offer a unique opportunity to hear from a justice of the Florida Supreme Court.

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