

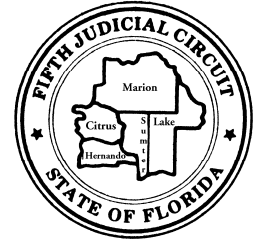


STATE OF FLORIDA

FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURTS

CITRUS, HERNANDO, LAKE, MARION AND SUMTER COUNTIES



Daniel B. Merritt, Sr.
Chief Judge

David M. Trammell
Trial Court Administrator

April 2, 2009

PRESS RELEASE

JUSTICE TEACHING INSTITUTE

Florida Supreme Court Justice R. Fred Lewis returns to the Fifth Judicial Circuit on Monday, April 13, 2009 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 Circuit Judge Stephen O. Rushing, an Overview of the Criminal and Civil Trial Courts by Ashley Aulls, Esq. and Frank Miller, Esq., and a presentation on the Mechanics of a Trial, by County Judge Donald E. Scaglione. The one-day Institute will include a courthouse tour.

The Justice Teaching Institute is presented by the Fifth Judicial Circuit, the Hernando County Bar Association, and the Hernando County Public 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 give 16 attendees a unique opportunity to hear from a justice of the Florida Supreme Court.

Contact person: Debbie C. Thomas, Administrative Services Manager and Public Information Officer, Fifth Judicial Circuit – phone 352.253.1605, fax 352.253.1630.

Citrus County Courthouse
110 N. Apopka Avenue
Inverness, FL 34450
(352) 341-6700
Fax (352) 341-7008

Hernando County Courthouse
20 N. Main Street
Brooksville, FL 34601
(352) 754-4402
Fax (352) 754-4035

Lake County Judicial Center
P.O. BOX 7800/ 550 W. Main Street
Tavares, FL 32778
(352) 742-4221
Fax (352) 253-1630

Marion County Judicial Center
110 N.W. First Avenue
Ocala, FL 34475
(352) 401-6701
Fax (352) 401-7883

Sumter County Courthouse
225 E. McCollum Avenue
Bushnell, FL 33513
(352) 569-6088
Fax (352) 569-6098