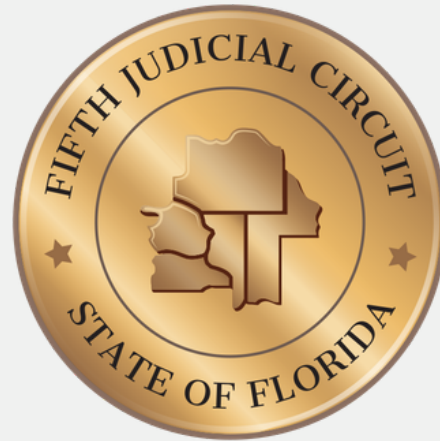


JUDICIAL RETIREMENT

OCTOBER 7, 2026



Heidi Davis

Circuit Judge, Lake County

The Fifth Judicial Circuit announces the retirement of *The Honorable Heidi Davis*, effective November 30, 2026.

Judge Davis embarked on her legal career after earning her Juris Doctor from Stetson University College of Law and her undergraduate degree from the University of South Carolina. She began in 1998 as a judicial law clerk in Lake County, moved into private practice, then transitioned to serve as a judicial magistrate in 2004 before her judicial appointment.

Appointed by Governor Charlie Crist on September 23, 2010, Judge Davis has been re-elected and served with distinction for over 16 years.

During her tenure, Judge Davis held the unique distinction of being the first female judge in Hernando County before transferring to Lake County, where she was the first and only female circuit judge. She served as Administrative Judge for Lake County during the COVID-19 pandemic. She was instrumental in creating and presiding over the Lake County Drug Court.

The Fifth Judicial Circuit Thanks Judge Davis for her exemplary service to the citizens of Citrus, Hernando, Lake, Marion, and Sumter Counties.

FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT