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Governor Scott Appoints Ten to the Circuit and County Courts

*Judges appointed to the Fifth, Seventh, Eleventh, Fourteenth and Seventeenth Circuit Courts
and to the Broward, Miami-Dade and Palm Beach County Courts*

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. Today, Governor Rick Scott announced ten appointments to multiple Circuit and County Courts.

Alexander Bokor is appointed to the Eleventh Circuit Court. Bokor, 40, of Miami, is a Miami-Dade County Court Judge. He received his bachelor's degree from Southern Methodist University and his law degree from the University of Pennsylvania Law School. Bokor fills the vacancy created by the resignation of Judge Stephen Millan.

Natasha DePrimo is appointed to the Broward County Court. DePrimo, 38, of Davie, is a senior attorney at the Florida Department of Transportation. She received her bachelor's degree from the University of Miami and her law degree from the University of Florida. DePrimo fills the vacancy created by the retirement of Judge Arlene Simon Backman.

Christopher Ferebee is appointed to the Seventh Circuit Court. Ferebee, 44, of Ponte Vedra Beach, is the Managing Assistant State Attorney, St. Johns County, for the Seventh Circuit State Attorney's Office. He received his bachelor's degree from the University of Georgia and his law degree from Florida Coastal School of Law. Ferebee fills the vacancy created by the removal of Judge Scott DuPont.

Paige Hardy Gillman is appointed to the Palm Beach County Court. Gillman, 34, of Palm Beach Gardens, is an attorney with the Law Office of Hugh Behan. She received both her bachelor's degree and law degree from the University of Florida. Gillman fills the vacancy created by the removal of Judge Marie Santino.

Carlos Guzman is appointed to the Eleventh Circuit Court. Guzman, 48, of Coral Gables, is a Miami-Dade County Court Judge. He received his bachelor's degree from the University of Houston and his law degree from Villanova University. Guzman fills the vacancy created by the resignation of Judge Ariana Fajardo Orshan.

Vegina "Gina" Hawkins is appointed to the Seventeenth Circuit Court. Hawkins, 45, of West Park, is an Assistant State Attorney for the Seventeenth Circuit State Attorney's Office. She received her bachelor's degree from Florida State University and her law degree from Nova Southeastern University. Hawkins fills the vacancy created by the retirement of Judge Michael L. Gates.

Lody Jean is appointed to the Miami-Dade County Court. Jean, 40, of Coral Gables, is President of the Law Office of Lody Jean. She received her bachelor's degree from the University of Miami and her law degree from St. Thomas University School of Law. Jean fills the vacancy created by the retirement of Judge Wendell Graham.

Robert Gregory "Gregg" Jerald is appointed to the Fifth Circuit Court. Jerald, 38, of Ocala, is the General Counsel and Staff Commander for the Marion County Sheriff's Office. He received his bachelor's degree from the University of North Florida and his law degree from the Florida Coastal School of Law. Jerald fills the vacancy created by the resignation of Judge Jonathan Ohlman.

Frank Ledee is appointed to the Seventeenth Circuit Court. Ledee, 54, of Hollywood, is an Assistant State Attorney for the Eleventh Circuit State Attorney's Office. He received both his bachelor's degree and M.B.A. from Barry University and his law degree from Nova Southeastern University. Ledee fills the vacancy created by the retirement of Judge John Contini.

Dustin Stephenson is appointed to the Fourteenth Circuit Court. Stephenson, 44, of Panama City, is an attorney at Dustin Stephenson, P.A. He received his bachelor's degree from the University of Florida and his law degree from Florida State University. Stephenson fills the vacancy created by the retirement of Judge James Fensom.

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