



# Eighteenth Judicial Circuit

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## FLORIDA BAR ASSOCIATION TO HONOR CIRCUIT JUDGE O.H. EATON, JR.

**Circuit Judge O.H. Eaton, Jr.** will receive the Selig I. Goldin Memorial Award, the Florida Bar Association's highest honor in criminal law, at its upcoming Annual Convention in Orlando. The award will be presented at the Criminal Law Section's Annual Selig I. Goldin Luncheon on June 26, beginning at noon.

Criminal Law Section Chair, **Donald Murrell** of West Palm Beach, said Judge Eaton was selected for the award for his many contributions to Florida's criminal justice system, including his work as chair of the Supreme Court's Criminal Court Steering Committee and as former chair and member of the Florida Bar Criminal Procedure Rules Committee. "He is one of hardest working committee members I have ever seen," said Murrell. "He is not afraid to tackle complex, hot button issues, and has been instrumental in producing significant and far reaching changes to criminal law."

In a letter nominating Judge Eaton for the award, **Circuit Judge Donna McIntosh** wrote, "Here in the Eighteenth Circuit, Judge Eaton spends countless hours as the administrative judge of the criminal division of Seminole County, working to ensure that our criminal division functions as efficiently and effectively as possible without compromising the quality of justice. To put it succinctly," she continued, "Judge Eaton has dedicated his judicial career to enhancing the quality of our criminal justice system and he has successfully done so for many years with great energy and zeal."

Judge Eaton's influence also extends far beyond Florida's Eighteenth Judicial Circuit. As a recognized authority on handling death penalty cases, Judge Eaton serves as an

instructor for the National Judicial College and the Florida College of Advanced Judicial Studies. He routinely lectures at major CLE seminars across the country, and has given keynote speeches at international bar and judicial conferences.

Judge Eaton is a graduate of the University of Florida Law School. He was admitted to the Florida Bar in 1968 and has served as a circuit judge in Seminole County since January 1987.

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