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Governor Crist Appoints Circuit Judge Bruce Jacobus to Fifth District Court of Appeal

Governor Charlie Crist has named Circuit Judge Bruce W. Jacobus to the Fifth District Court of Appeal, filling the seven-month vacancy created by the retirement of Judge Robert J. Pleus Jr.

“Clearly, Governor Crist takes the appointment process very seriously and I consider it a great honor to be selected among such outstanding candidates,” said Judge Jacobus. “I have served in private practice, and in the public sector, but my 14 years as a circuit judge have been the most important and rewarding of my career. I welcome the challenge of serving on the appellate bench and am very grateful to Governor Crist for this opportunity.”

Judge Jacobus has been a circuit judge in the Eighteenth Judicial Circuit since 1995 and served as Chief Judge from 2001 to 2003. In 2002, he was named Outstanding Jurist of the Year by the Brevard and Seminole County Bar Associations and in 2008 he received the *Trial Judge of the Year Award* from the Central Florida Chapter of the American Board of Trial Advocates. Prior to his appointment to the bench, he practiced law in the private sector for more than two decades. Judge Jacobus received his law degree from the University of Florida in 1973.

The Fifth District Court of Appeal, located in Daytona Beach, hears appeals from circuit courts within the following counties: Citrus, Hernando, Brevard, Flagler, Lake, Marion, Orange, Osceola, Putnam, Seminole, St. Johns, Sumter, and Volusia.

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