



Eighteenth Judicial Circuit

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JUDGE DICKEY ELECTED TO LEAD 18TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

Circuit Judge Alan A. Dickey was recently unanimously elected by his fellow judges to serve as Chief Judge of the Eighteenth Judicial Circuit. Judge Dickey will succeed **Chief Judge J. Preston Silvernail** for a two-year term beginning July 1. In his new position, Judge Dickey will oversee 42 judges and a budget estimated at \$15.2 million.

Chief Judge Silvernail praised Judge Dickey, who he calls a veteran judge, well equipped to handle the many problems facing the courts today. "I am particularly pleased to hand over the reins of leadership to someone with Judge Dickey's experience and expertise," said Judge Silvernail. "I know he will be an excellent Chief Judge."

Judge Dickey will assume the Eighteenth Circuit's top leadership position at a time when budget constraints challenge the Court's ability to deliver justice and carry out its constitutionally mandated duties. Judge Dickey will focus on managing the court's resources and services as effectively and efficiently as possible, despite reductions in budget and a caseload that continues to grow in volume and complexity.

Judge Dickey is a life-long Florida resident and a graduate of Ransom - Everglades School, in Coconut Grove. He earned his undergraduate degree from Stetson University in Deland and his juris doctor from the University of Florida College of Law. He was elected to serve as a Seminole County judge in 1976, and an Eighteenth

Circuit judge in 1990, making him the longest- sitting judge in the Eighteenth Judicial Circuit.

The Eighteenth Judicial Circuit serves the residents of Brevard and Seminole Counties.

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