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INVESTITURE OF DENISE R. FERRERO AS ALACHUA COUNTY COURT JUDGE



The Honorable Denise R. Ferrero was elected to the Alachua County Court Bench of the 8th Judicial Circuit on November 4, 2008 for a term commencing January 6, 2009. Her Investiture is scheduled for Friday, February 20, 2009 at 4:00 PM in Courtroom 1B of the Alachua County Criminal Justice Center.

Judge Ferrero graduated from Vanderbilt University in 1989 with a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and received her Juris Doctor from the University of Florida College of Law. While in law school, Judge Ferrero served as president of the John Marshall Bar Association and later served on the UF Law School Alumni Council. In 1999, Judge Ferrero became involved in the Levin College of Law Trial Team Program, and began teaching as an adjunct lecturer in the Trial Practice Program in 2001.

Judge Ferrero worked for the Office of the State Attorney of the 8th Judicial Circuit from 1993 to 2001, where she prosecuted many cases including rape, murder, DUI manslaughter and burglary. In 2000, she was named Division Chief for the Crimes Against Women and Families Division. Judge Ferrero entered private practice in 2002 with the local law firm Avera & Avera LLP, where she represented clients in Central and North Central Florida.

Prior to being elected to the bench, Judge Ferrero served as Alachua County's Civil Traffic Infraction Hearing Officer from 2005 to 2008, where she decided thousands of civil traffic cases, ranging from careless driving to speeding infractions.

Judge Ferrero has served many local organizations, serving as President of the Eighth Judicial Circuit Bar Association, President of the Guardian ad Litem Foundation, and Chair of the Child Advocacy Center Board. Judge Ferrero is currently assigned to County Criminal Division II and Mental Health Court in Alachua County, where she presides over misdemeanor and criminal traffic cases. Judge Ferrero is assisted by Britt Pearson, Judicial Assistant. Their office is located in the Alachua County Criminal Justice Center, 220 South Main Street, Gainesville, Florida.