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TALLAHASSEE – Governor Charlie Crist today appointed James “Tim” Browning to the Levy County Court.

“Tim’s dedication to justice and his community makes him well-suited to serve Levy County, where he already has a proven record of being diligent and fair,” said Governor Crist. “I am confident Tim’s extensive courtroom experience will enable him to serve the good people of Levy County well.”

Browning, 53, is a lifetime Florida resident and has spent the last 20 years working for the State Attorney’s Office in the Eighth Judicial Circuit, serving most recently as the chief of special prosecutions in Gainesville. Previously in the State Attorney’s Office, Browning served as the chief of the division of Crimes Against Women and Families in Gainesville, and as an assistant state attorney and division chief in Levy and Gilchrist counties. He earned his bachelor’s degree from the University of Florida and his law degree from the University of Florida College of Law.

Browning will fill the vacancy created by the retirement of Judge Joseph E. Smith.

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