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INVESTITURE OF ALACHUA COUNTY COURT JUDGE DENISE R. FERRERO ELEVATED TO THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COURT BENCH.

GAINESVILLE, ALACHUA COUNTY, FL – Alachua County Court Judge Denise R. Ferrero was elected to succeed Eighth Circuit Judge Toby S. Monaco and took office in January of 2019. Her investiture is Friday, February 1, 2019 at 3:00p.m. in Courtroom 1B of the Alachua County Criminal Justice Center.

The Honorable Denise R. Ferrero was elected to the Alachua County Court bench in 2008 and took office in 2009. During Judge Ferrero’s tenure she has presided over Alachua County Criminal, Alachua County Civil, Alachua County Mental Health, Alachua Circuit Criminal Division I and V, and Alachua County Family Divisions. Additionally, she has heard cases in Gilchrist Circuit Civil, Mortgage Foreclosures, Probate, Extraordinary Writs, Mental Health, Family, Domestic Violence, Juvenile Dependency, and Juvenile Delinquency. Judge Ferrero has also served as the Administrative Judge for Alachua County Court from 2011-2018.

Judge Ferrero obtained her Bachelor’s degree from Vanderbilt and earned a Juris Doctor from the University of Florida College of Law. Prior to taking the bench in 2009, Judge Ferrero worked in both the private and public sectors and served as the Civil Traffic Infraction Hearing Officer for Alachua County. While working as an Assistant State Attorney for the Eighth Judicial Circuit, Judge Ferrero worked her way up from County Court Misdemeanor to become the Division Chief for Crimes Against Women and Children, where she received the Fern B. Nix Award for work on behalf of victims of sexual violence. The President of the Florida Bar appointed Judge Ferrero to serve on the Florida Rules of Criminal Procedure Committee, where she was named vice-chair. Judge Ferrero also served locally on the Eighth Judicial Circuit Bar Associations Board and was chosen by her fellow lawyers to be their president from 2006-2007.

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