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THE INVESTITURE OF MITCHELL D. BISHOP TO THE UNION COUNTY COURT BENCH

LAKE BUTLER, UNION COUNTY, FL – The Honorable Mitchell D. Bishop was appointed as the Union County Court Judge on July 12, 2018, and began his service on the bench on January 1, 2019. His investiture is Friday, March 29, 2019, at 3:00 p.m. at the Union County Courthouse.

Judge Bishop’s career has been devoted to public service. Judge Bishop previously served as an Assistant State Attorney in the Seventh Judicial Circuit where he worked in the Career Criminal Unit, Drug Task Force, and felony division. Prior to working at the State Attorney’s Office, Judge Bishop was an Assistant Attorney General in the Capital Appeals Division with the Office of the Attorney General of Florida, where he regularly argued death penalty cases before the Florida Supreme Court and Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals. Prior to the Attorney General’s office, Judge Bishop was on active duty from 2007 to 2012 in the United States Marine Corps as a judge advocate. He was assigned to various duties, including legal assistance attorney, military justice prosecutor, and a one-year assignment with the U.S. Department of Justice as a Special Assistant U.S. Attorney. In 2011, Judge Bishop deployed to Afghanistan as a part of Operation Enduring Freedom in the operational law section for the International Security Assistance Force. Judge Bishop continues his service today in the Marine Corps Reserve in both legal and operational assignments. Judge Bishop is a member of the Florida Bar Military Affairs Committee and the Conference of County Court Judges.

A native of Union County, Judge Bishop grew up in Lake Butler and was educated in the Union County school system. He was active in the FFA and the band programs. He later graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in Communication and Classical Civilizations from Florida State University and earned a Juris Doctor from Florida Coastal School of Law, receiving honors in Mock Trial and a Certificate in International Law. At FSU, Judge Bishop was a member of the Marching Chiefs. Judge Bishop is married to Meghan Walsh Bishop, a Pediatric Nurse Practitioner in Gainesville. They have two children.

Judge Bishop fills a vacancy created by the retirement of Judge Bo Bayer. Judge Bishop presides over all County Court matters, the Grand Jury, Juvenile Delinquency and Mental Health divisions, and conducts shelter hearings for Union County. His Judicial Assistant is Mindy Bennett.

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