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Sarasota County Judge David Denkin presented Chief Justice Award for Judicial Excellence

ORLANDO – Sarasota County Judge David Denkin, a devoted and successful judicial educator and leader in county court advocacy, is the 2019 recipient of Chief Justice Award for Judicial Excellence. Chief Justice Charles T. Canady presented the award to Judge Denkin at the Conference of County Court Judges of Florida.

“Judge Denkin exhibits the discipline of a committed scholar, the passion of a gifted educator, and the fidelity of a public servant,” wrote one fellow judge in support of Judge Denkin’s nomination for the award.

Judge Denkin, a county court judge since 2003, has been recognized for his efforts in Sarasota County and as a leader within the branch for many years. Three years after rising to the bench, he was appointed administrative judge for Sarasota County Court, a leadership position. He earned his law degree from Stetson University.

Denkin is concluding his term as president of the Conference of County Court Judges of Florida. Among his duties in that role is advocating on behalf of Conference of County Court Judges of Florida issues. He has taken numerous leadership positions in judicial education, teaching programs at the Florida Judicial College, the DUI Traffic-Adjudication Lab, the College of Advanced Judicial Studies and the National Judicial College. Judge Denkin served as Education Committee chair for the Conference of County Court Judges, as dean of the DUI Adjudication Lab Program, and as associate dean and dean of the Florida Judicial College.

“Judges look to David as the go-to person, whether it is for education or in his leadership roles. We all know of one person we can ask to jump and complete a task, David is that person,” wrote another fellow judge in support of Denkin’s nomination for the Award for Judicial Excellence.

The Chief Justice Awards for Judicial Excellence, established in 2014 and bestowed annually, recognize one county court judge and one circuit judge who demonstrate exceptional commitment to the judicial branch and who personify judicial excellence. The circuit judge recipient will be announced in August.

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