



**Second Judicial Circuit of Florida Press Release
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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
INVESTITURE OF CIRCUIT JUDGE STEPHEN S. EVERETT**

Who: Circuit Judge Stephen S. Everett

What: Investiture of Circuit Judge Stephen S. Everett

Where: Leon County Courthouse, Courtroom 2-E, 301 South Monroe Street, Tallahassee

When: Friday, May 17, 2019 at 3:00 p.m.

Stephen S. Everett was appointed to the Leon County bench in 2016 and elected in 2018. Judge Everett was elevated to the Second Circuit bench by Governor Ron DeSantis on March 19, 2019.

As a Leon County judge, Judge Everett was responsible for criminal, civil, and family cases, including the mental health docket. He has presided over the Leon County Drivers License Clinic and continues to assist with access to justice issues as a member of the statewide Florida Commission on Access to Civil Justice. Judge Everett further contributes to improving the practice of law through committee work with the Florida Supreme Court and the Florida Bar.

In 2018, Judge Everett received the Outstanding Judge Award from the Tallahassee Barristers Association and the Hall of Fame Award from the NAACP Tallahassee Branch for distinguished public service. Most recently, Judge Everett was the recipient of the 2019 Richard W. Ervin Equal Justice Award which recognizes significant contributions to the justice system in Florida.

The date of this ceremony coincides with the sixty-fifth anniversary of the Brown v. Board of Education ruling by the United States Supreme Court. Judge Everett becoming the first male African American Circuit Judge in the Second Judicial Circuit has a unique connection to this historic ruling.