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**News Release**

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Volusia County Court Judge Dawn Fields has announced her intent to retire effective December 31, 2020. In a letter addressed to Governor Ron DeSantis, Judge Fields stated: "It has been an honor to serve the amazing citizens of Volusia County in this capacity. I hope that my time on the bench has helped to inspire, encourage and racially unify this community and its visitors."

Judge Fields was first elected in 2006 and was re-elected in 2012 and again in 2018. Prior to joining the Court, Judge Fields was an Assistant State Attorney for 13 years. Before becoming a lawyer, she was a high school mathematics teacher for 8 years.

Upon learning of Judge Fields' retirement, Chief Judge Raul Zambrano stated: "Judge Fields is a consummate professional and a dear friend. She has served the people of our community well and we will miss her on the bench."

Judge Fields' replacement will be appointed by the Governor. The 7<sup>th</sup> Circuit Judicial Nominating Commission will soon begin the process of soliciting applicants for the position.

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