



Eighth Judicial Circuit of Florida

Alachua, Baker, Bradford, Gilchrist, Levy and Union Counties

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PRESS RELEASE

THE HONORABLE MARY DAY COKER RETIRING



After 15 years in private practice and 16 years of dedicated public service at the State Attorney's Office and on the Alachua County Court and Circuit bench, Circuit Judge Mary Day Coker has decided it is time to retire.

Judge Coker received her bachelor's degree at Florida State University and her Juris Doctor at Georgetown University. Prior to her years on the bench, she practiced in both the public and private sectors. She was an assistant state attorney for six years in the Eighth Judicial Circuit as well as staff counsel for the U.S. Department of Agriculture for one year. Judge Coker was a sole practitioner for four years and also spent nine years at the law firm of Scruggs & Carmichael.

Judge Coker was appointed to the Alachua County Court in 2004 by Governor Bush, where she served until her appointment to the Circuit bench by Governor Crist in January of 2010. During her tenure, Judge Coker has presided over virtually all case types in all counties of the Eighth Judicial Circuit. Her most recent assignment was Circuit Civil, Extraordinary Writs, Family, Domestic Violence, Mental Health, Probate and Guardianship cases in Gilchrist and Levy Counties. She was also assigned the Juvenile Dependency and Delinquency cases in Gilchrist County.

Unfortunately, Judge Coker experienced health issues the past few years. These issues prevent her from performing at the level she demands of herself to properly serve the public. Therefore, she felt it appropriate that she retire. Her retirement will allow her to focus her full attention to improving her health and spending time with family and friends. We all wish Judge Coker the very best in her retirement, and we will all miss the hard work and dedication she has shown as a member of the Eighth Judicial Circuit Bench.