



## Eighth Judicial Circuit of Florida

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### **PRESS RELEASE**

## **THE HONORABLE PHYLLIS M. ROSIER RETIRING**



After nearly a decade of service with the Eighth Judicial Circuit, the Honorable Phyllis M. Rosier has announced her retirement from the circuit bench effective January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015.

Judge Rosier received her Juris Doctor from the University of Florida College of Law in 1981, where she graduated with honors. In her years prior to taking the bench, she was the first female assistant State Attorney in the Third Judicial Circuit where she worked for almost all of the period between 1981 and 1994. During that time, she specialized in sexual battery, crimes against children, and juvenile cases. In 1994 and 1995, she started her own law practices in Baker and Bradford Counties. She also served as the attorney for the Bradford County School Board from 1995 until her appointment to the circuit bench.

Judge Rosier was appointed to the Eighth Judicial Circuit bench in March of 2006 and was the first female from Bradford County to serve as a judge. Her original assignment consisted of civil and family law cases in both Baker and Bradford counties. Other assignments over the years have included an Alachua Circuit Criminal Division, Adult Drug Court, and Baker Circuit Criminal. During her tenure, she has presided over circuit criminal, civil, and family cases throughout the entire circuit. Judge Rosier has been the Regional Circuit Administrative Judge since July of 2013. She still presides over all civil and family cases in Baker and Bradford counties, as well as mental health, juvenile dependency, juvenile delinquency, and probate cases.

When asked how she feels about her years on the bench, Judge Rosier recalled that while pumping gas recently; she was hesitantly approached by a young man who wanted to tell her he was sorry she was retiring. He told her that she had helped his son and so many other children. She felt this young man articulated the sum and substance of her life and career. It has been about helping people and protecting children.

Judge Rosier is a past recipient of the Florida Council on Crime and Delinquency Chapter V Judicial Award. She also received the Champions for Justice Award for Baker County in 2014, as well as the Sheriff's Commendation Award for her dedicated and professional promotion of the Sheriff's Office goals and missions. Her judicial assistant is Pamela Smith.