



Judge Barry J. Stone

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Commencing May 1, 1986, the Honorable Barry J. Stone has been presiding at the Fourth District Court of Appeal of Florida. Judge Stone is a former Broward circuit court judge, who was recently appointed by Governor Bob Graham to fill Judge Daniel T.K. Hurley's vacant seat on the appellate court. He is a graduate of Miami Beach High School, received his B.A. in 1960 from the University of Florida. From 1963 through 1979, Judge Stone engaged in a private general civil trial practice in Broward County, before assuming the duties of circuit court judge in 1979. Judge Stone engaged in a private general civil trial practice in Broward County, before assuming the duties of circuit court judge in 1979. He has come to realize that his general law practice has helped to make him specially qualified to sit on the bench because a judge requires a broad range of experience and specialties.

Honorable Barry J. Stone is married to the former Shari Reiter for the last 25 and they have three children. His son Michael is 21, his daughter Josie is 20 and a junior at the University of Florida, and his daughter Elizabeth is 15, attending Ely High School in Pompano Beach. Shari Stone graduated from Nova University Law Center two years ago and is an assistant state attorney in the felony division of the Broward County State Attorney's office.

Nova University Law Center is privileged to include Judge Stone as one of their docents, where as an adjunct professor, he teaches courses on professional responsibility and pre-trial civil practice. Judge Stone was past president of the North Broward Bar Association, a member of the Executive Committee of the Broward County Bar Association, past president of B'nai B'rith Justice Lodge for Broward County and president of Temple Shalom in Pompano Beach. He is former chairman of the City of Pompano Beach Planning Board and for his numerous services to the City of Pompano Beach Advisory Board, Judge Stone was made an honorary citizen of the city of Pompano Beach by proclamation of the City Commission. He is a director of the Executive Committee of the Florida Conference of Circuit Judges, the Broward County Criminal Justice Planning Council, a member if the National Conference of State Trial Judges, a member of the Florida Bar Judicial Nominating Commission, member of the Criminal Justice Task Force, and numerous other civic organizations, associations, advisory boards, and committees.

His remuneration for this dedicated work to the community and to his profession has been the satisfaction of knowing that those attorneys who practice in front of him have always considered him fair, open-minded and interested in the issues presented. He will miss the personal interaction between the attorneys in the circuit court, but the trade-off will be the benefit of discussing the legal issues and interacting with other judges. While reminiscing about his experiences since 1976 when joining the judiciary, he states that, "throughout my legal career, I have been interested in public affairs and community service. As a judge, I feel I am fulfilling my professional goals and I have always felt I made the right decision."