Two Judges Prepared for Endurance Events

CLEARWATER – Two judges from the Sixth Judicial Circuit will be temporarily discarding their robes and donning running gear as they race during the next few months in some of America’s most challenging events.

On Sunday (April 13), Circuit Judge Cynthia Newton will compete in Ironman Florida 70.3, a “half ironman” triathlon on the streets of Haines City and in Lake Eva. The “half ironman” requires a 1.2-mile swim, 56-mile bike ride, and 13.1-mile run. This will be Judge Newton’s fourth half ironman race in the past six months as she prepares for her first full Ironman race, scheduled on June 29 in Coeur d’Alene, ID. The full ironman race requires a 2.4-mile swim, 112-mile bike, and 26.2-mile run.

Since October, Judge Newton has raced in Ironman Miami 70.3, the Naples half ironman, and the Ocala half ironman just 2 weeks ago on March 29. She also ran the Live Oak Marathon on March 9, taking first place in her age group (45 to 49).

Eight days after the event in Haines City, Circuit Court Judge Dee Anna Farnell will compete in the 117th Boston Marathon. This will be the 17 time Judge Farnell has challenged the 26.2-mile road course in Massachusetts. Just less than a mile away from the finish line when terrorist bombs interrupted last year’s event, Judge Farnell says she looks “forward to running the marathon this year to show how resilient Americans are and to honor those families who lost loved ones and those who suffered physically and emotionally and are getting well.”

Judge Farnell also has committed to running the Fargo, ND, Marathon, scheduled less than 3 weeks after the Boston Marathon.