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## Five Judges Honored For Their Expertise, Legal Acumen and Contributions To the Community

CLEARWATER - Five judges in the Sixth Judicial Circuit were over the last two months recognized for their professionalism, high standards of conduct, and contributions, both in and out of the courtroom.



Judge Shawn Crane

Pinellas-Pasco Circuit Judge Shawn Crane, who presides over drug court in Pasco County, was given the John U. Bird Judicial Excellence Award by the Clearwater Bar Association at its Annual Law Day celebration on May 21, which was conducted remotely.

The award was created to recognize honor, high ideals, personal character, judicial competence and service.

Earlier in the month, on May 7, Pinellas-Pasco Circuit Judge Michael Andrews, who presides over felony cases at the County Justice Center in Clearwater, was recognized by the St. Petersburg Bar Association. Judge Andrews was given the bar association's Judicial Appreciation Award at the bar's Annual Law Day celebration, also conducted remotely.



Judge Michael Andrews

A local jurist typically wins the award after the bar solicits nominations. Among the factors considered are a nominee's courtroom demeanor, his or her judicial experience, helpfulness to lawyers and litigants, and activities off the bench that promote the administration of justice and civic participation.

On June 10, the Barney Masterson American Inn of Court presented its coveted William J. Castagna Award for Judicial Excellence to two judges, one for the year 2021, and, because there was no awards ceremony last year, one for 2020.



Judge  
 Sherwood Coleman

The 2021 recipient was Pinellas-Pasco Circuit Judge Sherwood "Flip" Coleman, who presides over a probate division at the downtown Clearwater courthouse. The 2020 recipient was Pinellas-Pasco Circuit Judge Dee Anna Farnell, who retired last year after 25 years on the bench, most of it spent presiding over drug court in Pinellas County.

For the award, named after a distinguished federal district court judge, members of the Florida Bar cast votes for the person they believe displays the highest standards in all aspects of judicial performance, including knowledge of the law, ethics, civility, professionalism and demeanor.



Judge Dee Anna Farnell

And, for his service as co-president of the inn of court for 2020-2021, Pinellas-Pasco Circuit Judge William Burgess III was given a distinguished service award.

Also on June 10, the Stetson Lawyers Alumni Association (SLAA) presented its Ben Willard Award to Pinellas-Pasco Circuit Judge Pamela Campbell, who is now presiding over probate cases in downtown St. Petersburg. The award recognizes someone who has gone above and beyond for Florida citizens and whose achievements have brought distinction to themselves and Stetson University College of Law. Judge Campbell graduated in 1989.

Mr. Willard served in World War I, served in the Legislature for two terms and for more than 28 years he served as a criminal court judge in Dade County. He was known for being solicitous toward graduates of Stetson's law school who came before him in court.



Judge Pamela Campbell