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Pinellas-Pasco Circuit Judge Declan Mansfield Awarded by Bar Association

CLEARWATER - On Thursday, June 13, Pinellas-Pasco Circuit Judge Declan P. Mansfield, who currently presides over civil cases at the West Pasco Judicial Center in New Port Richey, was given the 2024 J. Larry Hart Justice Award by the West Pasco Bar Association.

A judge or lawyer is typically nominated for the award after he or she is recognized as an individual who practices law or presides from the bench with dignity and purpose while maintaining the highest ethical standards. Previous recipients include retired Pasco County Judge Paul Firmani and Pasco Clerk Nikki Alvarez-Sowles. The award, previously named the West Pasco Bar Association Justice Award, was renamed in 2018 in honor of the late Attorney J. Larry Hart who served as a pillar of the legal community for many years before his death in late 2017.

Judge Mansfield has been a circuit judge in New Port Richey for nearly nine years. Before that, he was a partner in a New Port Richey firm then called Bianco & Mansfield P.A. for almost 25 years. He also has significant experience as a prosecutor, having served as an assistant state attorney in the Sixth Judicial Circuit for nearly four years and as an assistant district attorney in Westchester County, New York, for eight years. He is a graduate of Fordham University School of Law.



Judge Mansfield, pictured with his daughter, after the ceremony.