

Judge James Carlisle, **Bar Bulletin 1984**

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The Honorable James T. Carlisle has sat on the county bench since 1972 and will take over Judge Douglas's division in the circuit court beginning in January, 1985. He was admitted to The Florida Bar in 1963; served as assistant attorney general from 1963 to 1967 representing various state agencies, and prosecuting criminal appeals (and where he had the honor of arguing two cases before the United States Supreme Court: *Clay v. Sun Insurance Co.*, 12L. Ed. 2d 229; *Whitney v. State of Florida*, 19 L. Ed. 2d 343). He was an assistant county solicitor from 1967 to 1972 prosecuting hundreds of criminal cases.

A graduate of the University of Miami Law School, Judge Carlisle is past chairman of the Florida Supreme Court's Committee on Standards of Conduct Governing Judges; Supreme Court's Traffic Court Review Committee; and he served on a Special Judicial Merit Retention Study Commission of The Florida Bar. He was honored with an endowment sponsored by the National Endowment for the Humanities to attend a month seminar at Cornell University in 1979.

Judge Carlisle's publications include, "When a Lawyer Becomes a Judge;" *Florida Bar Journal*, August 1981. He has also compiled and indexed opinions of Committee on Standards of Conduct Covering Judges published by The Florida Bar.

Judge Carlisle grew up in West Palm Beach and he attended St. Ann's High School. His father practiced medicine in Palm Beach County for almost fifty years. He earned a Bachelor of Science degree from Spring Hill College in Mobile, Alabama. He was promoted to First Lieutenant while serving four years in the Army that included a commission in the Arctic on the DEW Line and Eniwetok for the hydrogen bomb tests.

Judge Carlisle is married to Marilyn and they are the proud parents of seven children. The oldest, James, Jr. is in Spring Hill College in Mobile, Alabama. His sibling, Marianne is a junior at Cardinal Newman, Tommy, Kathy, Bridget and Mathew are at St. Ann's School and Laura is in kindergarten at First Baptist. Judge Carlisle is looking forward to the challenges of the circuit bench and the opportunity to continue serving in the judiciary. He greatly appreciates the support and endorsements from the members of the Bar during his campaign and the vote of confidence at the polls.