



Judge Hubert Lindsey

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Governor Graham has appointed Hubert Lindsey to the circuit court bench. As a former teacher and a practicing attorney with 19 years experience in Palm Beach County, Hubert Lindsey brings a unique perspective to the bench. Driven by what he describes as an almost consuming respect for the law, he hopes to be a “good and wise judge.” He aspires to provide the guidance to young lawyers that other judges provided to him. Thinking back on the early years of his practice, he cherishes the counsel and guidance provided to him by Judges James C. Downey, D. Culver Smith and James R. Knott. Many times when faced with a tough issue as a young lawyer he asks himself “How would Judge Downey handle this?” He would then proceed to handle the issue as he thought Judge Downey would.

When asked why he would give up a successful practice to become a judge, he gave three reasons: First, “God has been good to me and it’s time for me, at a time when finances are not pressing, to become less self-centered and to do something meaningful for my profession and my community...something that would make a difference.” Secondly, several judges have had a great impact upon his life and he would like to pass on to other lawyers the lessons he was taught by these judges. Lastly, he stated that there are a lot of things in life that are more important than money. His comments lead you to believe that 20 years from now a newly appointed judge will make similar comments regarding the impact of Judge Lindsey on his career.

Talking with Hubert Lindsey you get the feeling that his next career move might be to return to his first career—teaching. Although he says that he is thrilled with support he has gotten from fellow lawyers and you can sense his excitement in becoming a judge, his goal of becoming an available counselor to help young lawyers develop an understanding and respect for the law and his memories of the few “pearls” who guided him through law school would lead you to believe that he may well return one day to Gainesville and the University of Florida School of Law.