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February 9, 2016

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State of Florida
The Capitol
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Tallahassee, FL 32399-0001

Public record request F.S. § 119.07(1)(c) All public records requests shall be acknowledged promptly and in good faith. *Access to public records and meetings*, Art. I, Sec. 24, Fla. Const.

Dear Governor Scott:

Please provide the public record retirement letter of Circuit Judge Hale Ralph Stancil, Marion County, Fifth Judicial Circuit. On August 4, 2015 the Ocala Star-Banner reported "Circuit Judge Hale Stancil to retire after 33 years" see attached.

Provide records showing Judge Stancil actually retired. A Florida Bar page shows Judge Stancil is an active member of the judiciary, Judicial Position: Circuit Court - Sr. Judge, see enclosed.

Thank you for the courtesy of a response.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Neil J. Gillespie".

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Enclosures

Circuit Judge Hale Stancil to retire after 33 years

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Circuit Judge Hale Stancil will retire Dec. 31, after wielding the gavel for 33 years.

His retirement was announced by the Fifth Judicial Circuit.

Stancil served as a Marion County judge from January 1983 to December 1993. He was appointed by Gov. Lawton Chiles to the circuit bench in November 1993 and began his tenure in January 1994.



Doug Engle/Star-Banner
Circuit Judge Hale Stancil speaks with an attorney during a murder trial in Ocala in this Nov. 17, 2014 file photo. Stancil plans to retire.

“Judge Stancil has served the people of the Fifth Judicial Circuit with integrity and steadfast devotion to his duties for many years,” said Don Briggs, the circuit’s chief judge in a news release. “He has earned the respect and admiration of his colleagues and other members of the court system. His retirement means that we have a huge void to fill in terms of experience, but more so in terms of wisdom and understanding.”

Stancil currently handles felony and foreclosure cases and presides over drug court.

Circuit Judge David Eddy, who serves as administrative judge in Marion County, called Stancil an “exemplary judge” who is respected and held to the “highest esteem” by both members of the judicial system and legal community.

“It has been a personal honor and privilege to have served as a fellow Circuit Court Judge with Judge Stancil,” said Eddy in the release. “When he retires, his wisdom and experience on the bench will be greatly missed.”

In 1968, Stancil received his undergraduate degree from the University of Florida and earned his law degree in 1973 from Stetson University before venturing into private practice. He served in the Marine Corps from 1969 to 1971.

— *April Warren*

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Circuit: 5

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10-Year Discipline History: None

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