



District Court of Appeal of Florida Second District

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Edward C. LaRose Named Chief Judge

LAKELAND, Fla.—Judge Edward C. LaRose has been unanimously elected chief judge of Florida's Second District Court of Appeal by his colleagues. He will serve a two-year term that begins July 1, 2017, succeeding the current chief judge, Craig C. Villanti. The court is headquartered in Lakeland and has a branch in Tampa.

"I am humbled and honored by the confidence my judicial colleagues have shown by selecting me as the next chief judge of the Second District. We are a very collegial court. I look forward to working with my colleagues, staff, and the entire court family in continuing a tradition of providing effective and efficient disposition of cases brought to us. Our goal is to properly administer the law and justice for the citizens within our 14-county district." – Chief judge-elect LaRose.



Judge LaRose will become the district's thirty-second chief judge since the court became operational on July 1, 1957. As chief judge, he will be responsible for all administrative matters in the court.

Judge LaRose received his undergraduate degree, summa cum laude, in 1977 from Boston College. He received his J.D. degree, cum laude, from Cornell Law School in 1980.

Before Governor Jeb Bush appointed him to the court in 2005, Judge LaRose practiced extensively in the areas of commercial litigation, antitrust, and employment law. He serves as an adjunct professor of law at Stetson University College of Law.

Judge LaRose was born in Putnam, Connecticut, in 1955. He is married and has three children.

Additional information about his professional and public service activities can be found on the court's website at <http://www.2dca.org/Judges/Bio/larose.shtml>