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## Judge Nick Nazaretian Appointed to the Circuit Bench in Thirteenth Judicial Circuit

The Honorable Nick Nazaretian was appointed as a circuit court judge by Governor Rick Scott last Friday, December 16, 2011. He is no stranger to the courts, as he has been a County Court judge since 2001, providing temporary duty as Circuit Court judge during this time as well. Prior to that he served as a division chief for the Hillsborough County State Attorney's Office from 1990 to 2000, and from 1987 to 1990, he was a felony trial attorney with the Pinellas Public Defender's Office. Judge Nazaretian received a bachelor's degree from the University of South Florida and a law degree from Nova Southeastern University.

"It's a great honor and privilege to be Governor Rick Scott's first judicial appointment in Hillsborough County," Judge Nazaretian said. "I have previously served the citizens of Hillsborough as a 10 year prosecutor. For ten years, I have served citizens of Hillsborough County as one of their county court judges. I look forward to again serving this community in my roles as a circuit court judge," he added.