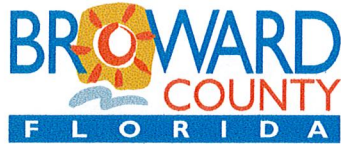


ITEM #45

**ADDITIONAL MATERIAL
REGULAR MEETING**

OCTOBER 5, 2021

**SUBMITTED AT THE REQUEST OF
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION and
GROWTH MANAGEMENT
DEPARTMENT**



Environmental Protection and Growth Management Department
PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT DIVISION
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MEMORANDUM

DATE: Mayor and Members of the Board of County Commissioners

THRU: Bertha Henry, County Administrator

FROM: Josie P. Sesodia, AICP, Director
Planning and Development Management Division *J. Sesodia*

DATE: September 30, 2021

RE: Agenda Item No. 45 Commission Meeting of October 5, 2021
Renaming Courtroom in honor of Chief Judge Tuter

On August 24, 2020 (Item 103), the Board directed the County Administrator to solicit the input of at least three local municipalities, homeowners' associations, or other appropriate community groups regarding the Board's proposal to name a courtroom in honor of Chief Judge Tuter as required under Section 18.43(i) of the Administrative Code.

At the request of the County Attorney's Office, staff notified community groups representing the legal profession.

Attached is a response received from Broward County Women Lawyer's Association.

Attachment (1)

cc: Bertha Henry, County Administrator
Monica Cepero, Deputy County Administrator
Andrew J. Meyers, County Attorney
Maite Azcoitia, Deputy County Attorney
Robert Melton, County Auditor
Leonard Vialpando, Director, Environmental Protection & Growth Management



September 29, 2021

VIA Electronic Mail

Bertha Henry
Broward County Administrator
115 S. Andrews Ave., Suite 409
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301

Re: Letter Supporting Naming of Courtroom In Honor of Chief Judge Tuter

Dear Ms. Henry:

I understand that a resolution is coming before the Board of Commissioners on Tuesday, October 5, 2021 proposing that the new complex trial and ceremonial courtroom be named in honor of Chief Judge Tuter. I am writing to express my strong support for the resolution as President of the Broward County Women Lawyers' Association ("BCWLA") and as a practicing lawyer in Broward County who has witnessed Chief Judge Tuter's steady leadership and unwavering commitment to his office.

Chief Judge Tuter's leadership during the pandemic was extraordinary and we are eternally grateful for the smooth transition the 17th Judicial Circuit made to Zoom hearings. Chief Judge Tuter worked tirelessly with the voluntary bar organizations to educate attorneys about the new procedures, administrative orders, and best practices. He has spent countless hours updating the various voluntary bar organizations and the community regarding the status of the courthouse and anticipated changes. In short, Chief Judge Tuter has served the various voluntary bar organizations and our county with aplomb.

On behalf of BCWLA, I have had the privilege of working with Chief Judge Tuter and the Broward County School Board to educate high school students about judicial elections through an Informed Voters Project Day held at the courthouse. When holding the event was no longer possible due to the pandemic, Judge Tuter arranged for the event to continue virtually. A few years ago, Chief Judge Tuter was instrumental in assisting BCWLA with the establishment of the lactation room at the courthouse. In all his endeavors, Chief Judge Tuter

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leads with a can-do attitude, enthusiastically embracing challenges and rallying those around him.

Our experiences with Chief Judge Tuter have affirmed that he is a dedicated jurist and community leader who conducts himself with the utmost humility and professionalism. It is my pleasure, on behalf of BCWLA, to support the naming of the new complex trial and ceremonial courtroom after Judge Tuter. If I can be of further assistance, please let me know.

Sincerely,

BROWARD COUNTY WOMEN
LAWYERS' ASSOCIATION

By: *Vivian H. Fazio*
Vivian H. Fazio, President