

## **Richard L. Oftedal (Circuit Judge, Retired)**

Richard L. Oftedal is a retired Judge of the Fifteenth Judicial Circuit, having served as a judge for the past thirty years in Palm Beach County until his retirement in January, 2018. During his judicial tenure, Judge Oftedal served as the Administrative Judge in the Civil, Foreclosure, Family and Criminal Divisions. In 1995, he was elected Chief Judge for the circuit. Judge Oftedal has presided over thousands of civil matters, both jury and non-jury, including professional negligence, personal injury, contracts, product liability, discrimination, foreclosure, landlord tenant, probate, family and others.

Prior to taking the Bench, Judge Oftedal served in private practice and is the former General Counsel for the Palm Beach County School Board.

Judge Oftedal has been the recipient of several awards, including the 2013 Jurist of the Year given by the North County Bar Association.

**Educational Experience:** B.S. Nuclear Engineering, University of Virginia (1973); J.D. University of Florida College of Law (1976)

**Practice Areas:** Commercial, Medical, Personal Injury, Probate, Professional Negligence and Foreclosure