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Orlando Office of the United States Trustee to Host Region 21 Chapter 7 Panel Trustee Training in Orlando on June 6-7, 2019

The Orlando Office of the United States Trustee will be hosting training for approximately 95 Chapter 7 Panel Trustees located throughout Region 21, which comprises Florida, Georgia and Puerto Rico. The training will be held at Florida A&M University College of Law's downtown Orlando campus on June 6-7, 2019. The training will feature bankruptcy judges and various outside speakers to address a wide range of topics and current issues—including recent case law developments, civil enforcement, bankruptcy scams and criminal referrals, ethics and professionalism, and a workshop addressing common issues in chapter 7 cases.

Meet Daniel Munoz, Bankruptcy Auditor in the Orlando Office of the United States Trustee



Daniel "Dan" Munoz is the newest Bankruptcy Auditor in the United States Trustee's Orlando Office. Dan brings years of bankruptcy and court experience to his new role. Starting in 2003, Dan took an intake position with the Clerk of Court for the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of Florida in Miami. In 2005, Dan moved to Orlando and worked as a case manager for The Honorable Karen S. Jennemann. Dan subsequently left the Clerk's Office in 2007 and handled lending, security sales and retirement planning for Wachovia Bank / Wachovia Securities.

In 2010, Dan returned to work for the Clerk of the Bankruptcy Court as Judge Jennemann's Courtroom Deputy. During his time in chambers, Dan sat through hundreds of hours of hearings and was involved in the disposition of thousands of cases. He carried out his duties while earning his Masters of Science in Accounting and expecting his first child. Soon after graduation in 2013, Dan joined Michael Moecker & Associates (MMA), where he operated businesses and liquidated estates in bankruptcies, receiverships, and assignments for the benefit of creditors. During his tenure at MMA, Dan became a Certified Fraud Examiner.

As an auditor with the United States Trustee Program, Dan performs various responsibilities in Chapter 11 cases pending in front of The Honorable Jerry A. Funk in Jacksonville. In these cases, Dan conducts initial debtor interviews, attends Section 341 Meetings of Creditors, and analyzes plans for feasibility. He also reviews Chapter 7 cases for potential causes of action under 11 U.S.C. §§ 707(b)(2), 707(b)(3) and 727. Dan is very excited about his new role with the U.S. Trustee Program, and the Orlando Office is pleased to have him onboard!

Outside of the office, Dan is a martial artist and currently practices Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu at American Top Team, the world's largest producer of UFC fighters. He is happily married to Jenny and has two boys, Giovanni (3) and Nicolas (8). Dan is a Golden Panther, as he earned his B.A. from Florida International University.