

## **Ten Years of Tenure**

July 7, 2016 marked the ten-year anniversary for Lee Ann Bennett as Clerk for the Middle District of Florida Bankruptcy Court. In those ten years, the Courts have faced challenges, yet this Court has made tremendous progress serving the public while overcoming obstacles in everything from budget to automation to substantial changes in the Bankruptcy Code. In addition to the leadership she has shown in our own district, Clerk Bennett has been a leader nationwide, serving as President and a Board Member of the National Conference of Bankruptcy Clerks. For proof of our good fortune in calling her our Clerk these ten years, one need look no further than her recent receipt of the 2015 Director’s Award for Outstanding Leadership given by the Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts.

In characteristic manner, Clerk Bennett attributed her ten years of tremendous success as Clerk to the entire staff of the Middle District, stating that “each member of the Clerk’s office, each member of Chambers and each Judge has helped me every step of the way.” She noted that it is “hard to put into words how much this Court means to me and how much I have enjoyed the last ten years.” The Middle District of Florida is certainly glad that Clerk Bennett is enjoying her tenure (and all of the flowers she received that day) and hopes to call her their Clerk for many more years to come.

