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# To The Team

## MDFL Welcomes New Law Clerks



**Abraham Akbari – Shared Law Clerk, Tampa**

Hi everyone, I recently began my position as a shared law clerk in the Tampa division of the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Middle District of Florida. I grew up in the D.C. area and attended the University of Maryland for undergrad and graduated from the George Washington University Law School last June. During law school, I completed multiple judicial internships and worked as a law clerk for a firm with a prominent creditors' rights practice. Outside of work, I like to get outside, whether that involves traveling or staying active by hiking, snowboarding, or playing softball. I also follow the Ravens, Capitals, and sadly, the Orioles and Wizards.



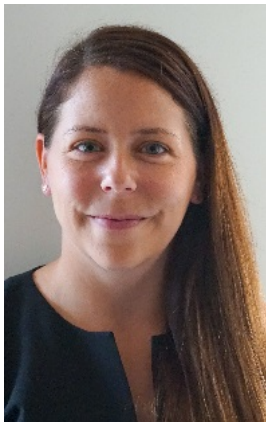
**Griffin Butler – Shared Law Clerk, Jacksonville**

Hi, everyone. I will be serving as a floating law clerk based out of Jacksonville for the U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Middle District of Florida. By way of background, I grew up in Idaho, went to Grinnell College for undergrad, and somewhat recently graduated from Northwestern Pritzker School of Law. Before coming to Florida, I clerked for the Fifth Judicial District of Iowa in Des Moines. When I'm not working, I enjoy traveling, travel shows, and following the NBA. I look forward to meeting all of my new co-workers and members of the Florida bar in Jacksonville and beyond!



**Matthew McCabe – Law Clerk to Judge Vaughan**

Hello everyone, I am a native of Orlando and am excited to be working as one of Judge Vaughan’s new law clerks. I attended UCF for undergrad and served in the U.S. Army before attending Barry University School of Law where I had an active role in the Bankruptcy Pro Se clinic here in Orlando. After graduating from law school and taking the Florida bar exam, I attended the Bankruptcy L.L.M. program at St. John’s University School of Law in New York and am currently finishing my studies remotely. In my personal time I like to visit Disney as well as the local movie theaters and beaches. I look forward to meeting everyone over the next couple of months and getting the most out of this wonderful opportunity.



**Candice Mountz – Law Clerk to Judge Vaughan**

I am a recent graduate from FAMU College of Law, graduating third in my class. During law school I interned with the Federal Public Defender’s office in their Orlando office representing a multitude of individuals with very different issues. Ultimately, I knew that I would find myself in the bankruptcy field, though. Prior to attending law school, I was a bankruptcy paralegal for over ten years – so it feels only natural that I follow this path in the bankruptcy court. I am excited to begin my legal career as a law clerk to Judge Lori Vaughan. My family is my world. I have been married to my wonderful husband for 12 years, and we have two amazing boys, Caleb (9) and Calder (5).