



**PRESENTATION OF THE PORTRAIT
OF RETIRED BANKRUPTCY JUDGE
FATHER C. TIMOTHY CORCORAN, III
By: Chief Judge Caryl E. Delano**

On November 4, 2020, retired United States Bankruptcy Judge, Father C. Timothy Corcoran, III, and the Tampa bankruptcy judges gathered in Courtroom 9B for the presentation of Fr. Corcoran's official judicial portrait to the Court. They were joined by dozens of viewers via Zoom, including Judges Karen Jennemann and Lori Vaughan and retired Judge Arthur Briskman in Orlando; Judge Jerry Funk in Jacksonville; retired Judge Rodney May; our Clerk of Court, Sheryl Loesch; and our former Clerk of Court and now Deputy Director of the Administrative Office of the United States Courts, Lee Ann Bennett, along with retired Court staff, and numerous attorneys. Click [here](#) to watch the video of the presentation or [here](#) to read the transcript of the presentation.

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Chief Judge Caryl Delano presided at the informal ceremony. After she welcomed the attendees, Fr. Corcoran explained the unique history and development of his portrait. On behalf of the Court, Judge Delano accepted the portrait with thanks to the Tampa Bay Bankruptcy Bar for its sponsorship of the portrait. Judge Delano, Judge Williamson, and Judge McEwen then shared their experiences as lawyers who appeared before Judge Corcoran. Judge Colton, who now sits in Courtroom 9B, commented that Judge Corcoran's portrait depicts him as a jurist but also as a man of great faith.

In 1989, after practicing commercial law for years at Carlton Fields, Judge Corcoran was appointed as a bankruptcy judge in the Orlando Division. At that time, he was the only judge in Orlando. In 1993, when Judges Jennemann, Briskman, Glenn, and Funk were appointed as judges in the Middle District, Judge Corcoran transferred to the Tampa Division.

In 2003, Judge Corcoran completed his 14-year term and retired from the bench. He transitioned to a successful solo practice as a "bet the company" bankruptcy litigator and mediator. And in 2008, he embarked on yet another career, studying for the Roman Catholic priesthood at a Boston seminary. In 2012, Fr. Tim (as he is now known) was ordained as a priest in the Diocese of St. Petersburg, and he now serves as the pastor of St. Mary Catholic Church in North Tampa.

The judges and Fr. Tim hope—when we are no longer restricted by pandemic concerns—that you will stop by Courtroom 9B to view the portrait.

