

Judge Vaughan's Investiture – February 25, 2022

By: Hon. Caryl E. Delano, Chief Judge



The Honorable Lori V. Vaughan's formal investiture was held in Tampa on Friday, February 25, 2022, exactly two years after her swearing-in as a United States Bankruptcy Judge for the Middle District of Florida. The ceremony took place in the District Court's ceremonial courtroom in the Sam M. Gibbons United States Courthouse, with a reception following at Bizou Brasserie at the Le Méridien Hotel.

Judge Charles R. Wilson of the United States Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit administered the oath of office to Judge Vaughan. And two of the Middle District's retired bankruptcy judges, Fr. Timothy Corcoran, and Judge Karen Jennemann, attended and participated in the ceremony. It was a special day for Judge Vaughan and Judge Jennemann because Judge Vaughan served as Judge Jennemann's first law clerk.

Bankruptcy Judges Mary Grace Diehl (Atlanta), Mary Jo Heston (Tacoma, Washington), and Denise Barnett (Memphis) traveled to Tampa for the ceremony. Other distinguished guests included United States District Court Judges and Magistrate Judges.

Megan Murray emceed presentations from the Tampa Bay Chapter of the Federal Bar Association (Jordan Maglich, President), The Florida Bar Business Law Section (Katherine Donlon, Chair), Central Florida Bankruptcy Law Association (Jonathan Sykes, President), Tampa Bay Bankruptcy Bar Association (Noel Boeke, President), International Women's Insolvency & Restructuring Confederation (Leyza Blanco, Immediate Past Chair), and International Women's Insolvency & Restructuring Confederation, Florida Network (Leanne Prendergast, Immediate Past Chair).

Judge Colton and Mark Wolfson reflected on their experiences working with Judge Vaughan as an attorney, and I formally “welcomed” Judge Vaughan to the bench. In her heartfelt response, Judge Vaughan described the obstacles she overcame on her path to the bench and gave special recognition to those who helped her along the way. When Judge Vaughan described the impact of her former high school teacher, Ronald Blake, on her life, there were few dry eyes in the courtroom.

Please join me in officially welcoming Judge Lori Vaughan to the bench!





Pictured from left to right: Retired Bankruptcy Judge Fr. C. Timothy Corcoran, III (aka, Fr. Tim), Mark Wolfson, Judge Roberta Colton, Jordan Maglich, Judge Lori Vaughn, Kacy Donlon, Leyza Blanco, Megan Murray.