



Jacksonville Bankruptcy Bar Association
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The Jacksonville Bankruptcy Bar Association is excited that two of its own, Judge Jay Brown and Judge Jason Burgess, have been recently appointed to the Bench in the Jacksonville Division. On April 6, Judge Funk, Judge Brown, and Judge Burgess hosted the JBBA's members at the federal courthouse in Jacksonville for a Brown Bag Lunch sponsored by the law firm Jones and McCorkle. At the lunch, the judges engaged in an open discussion about practice pointers and their expectations of the Bankruptcy Bar.

The big news of the day, though, was the judges' announcement that beginning May 1, attorneys in the Jacksonville area will be expected to appear in person at hearings and trials in the Jacksonville Division. The JBBA believes this is a great development that will benefit the local bankruptcy bar and their clients because attorneys will regain opportunities to interact with each other and court staff and get back to the practice of resolving issues in the hall outside the courtroom.

Consistent with the return of in-person hearings, the JBBA is resuming monthly in-person meetings and activities. On May 18, the JBBA will host the Jacksonville Division Clerk's and JBBA members' staff for a Clerk's and Staff Appreciation Lunch to be held at the River Club.

The JBBA's Annual Meeting and Board elections will be held on June 29 at the River Club. Karen Brune Mathis from the *Jacksonville Daily Record* will be there to talk about the many new developments in downtown Jacksonville. Any JBBA member interested in joining the JBBA Board should contact any Board member for information about the nomination process.

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Finally, on Friday, August 19, the JBBA will host a live seminar at the Marriott Sawgrass. The highlight of the seminar will be a conversation between Judge Funk and Steve Busey about Judge Funk's extraordinary career on the bench. The JBBA Seminar will be kicked off with a round of golf on Thursday, August 18 at TPC Sawgrass, hosted by Mark Healy with Moecker & Associates. Everyone is invited – JBBA members and non-members alike. We hope to see you there!