



**Welcome to the Middle District’s Two New Bankruptcy Judges:
Jacob A. Brown & Grace E. Robson**
By Hon. Caryl E. Delano, Chief Judge

Please join me in welcoming the Middle District’s two newest bankruptcy judges: Judge Jacob A. Brown (Jacksonville) and Judge Grace E. Robson (Orlando), who were sworn in as judges on November 3, 2021. Judge Brown and Judge Robson bring to the bench a wealth of bankruptcy experience.

Judge Jacob Brown received his J.D. from Samford University Cumberland School of Law and his B.S. in Chemical Engineering, Pulp & Paper Science & Technology from North Carolina State University. Prior to law school, Judge Brown worked as a chemical engineer in manufacturing facilities throughout the southeast and in Alaska.

Judge Brown started his legal career by clerking for Judge Jerry A. Funk in the Jacksonville Division. Before joining the bench, Judge Brown was a partner with Akerman LLP in Jacksonville, where for over 20 years, he represented secured and unsecured creditors, committees, trustees, and debtors in bankruptcy, and handled commercial litigation and business law matters. *Chambers USA*, an independent research company that provides detailed rankings and insight into the world’s leading lawyers, noted he is “a deal-maker and an excellent advocate.”

In addition, Judge Brown is active in bar activities. He is a former chair of the Business Law Section of the Florida Bar and a past-president of the Jacksonville Bankruptcy Bar Association.

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Judge Grace Robson received her J.D. from the Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law, Yeshiva University and her undergraduate degree from State University of New York at Albany.

Judge Robson is a Board-Certified Bankruptcy attorney with over 20 years of experience representing corporate debtors, trade and institutional creditors, trustees, receivers, and creditors' committees. Most recently, she was with the law firm of Markowitz Ringel Trusty & Hartog, P.A., in Miami. Judge Robson has been involved in all facets of reorganization-related representations, including pre-filing consultation, complex corporate bankruptcy cases, post-bankruptcy financing, asset purchase agreements, and providing pro bono representation to consumer debtors.

Judge Robson is also very active in bar activities. Before relocating to Orlando, she served on the board of directors of the Bankruptcy Bar Association for the Southern District of Florida, was the Broward Chair of the Southern District of Florida's *Pro Bono* Committee, the Broward Chair of the CARE Program Committee, and chair of the Southern District's Wellness Committee.