

**Program and Reception Honoring  
Judge Williamson Held May 25, 2023**  
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On Thursday, May 25, 2023, the Tampa Bay Chapter of the Federal Bar Association and the Tampa Bay Bankruptcy Bar Association hosted a CLE program to honor and celebrate the life and legacy of Bankruptcy Judge Michael G. Williamson at the Sam M. Gibbons United States Courthouse in Tampa. The program served as a retrospective of Judge Williamson's most influential decisions and was moderated by attorney Harley Riedel, with discussions from the bankruptcy lawyers who litigated the cases including Steven Berman, Denise Dell-Powell, Daniel Fogarty, David Jennis, Donald Kirk, and Patricia Redmond, with special remarks from Father C. Timothy Corcoran, III, and Bankruptcy Judge Catherine Peek McEwen.

Immediately following the seminar, esteemed guests attended a reception at the Courthouse Ballroom at Le Méridien Hotel. The reception featured remarks by Bankruptcy Judge Roberta Colton, Judge McEwen, Edward Comey, and Linda Williamson, with a welcome by FBA Bankruptcy Chair Dana Robbins and TBBBA President Barbara Hart. The event was well attended by current and former judges of the Middle District of Florida, Bankruptcy Judge Mindy Mora (West Palm Beach), Bankruptcy Judge Grace Robson (Orlando), and members of the Bar, along with Judge Williamson's former law clerks.

We would like to thank the Middle District of Florida Bench Bar Fund for its contributions to this event and extend our sincere thanks and appreciation to Judge Williamson's family and courthouse staff for their support of this event.

