

USBC Goes To The Dogs (And Cats) for Tampa Courthouse Bake-Off

Judge Roberta Colton and law clerk Jen Deeb led the FLMB-Tampa team “Blondies for Bucks” at the recent federal courthouse chambers bake-off competition. The team’s theme was ASPCA, with each vote for the booth being matched with a \$1 donation to the charity. Jen’s blissful Blondies were a hit, and our team featured the only actual dog. With all that going for us, our three Tampa judges will together donate \$168 to ASPCA!



L to R: Jen, law clerk Ed Comey, Judge McEwen, Nike and her human — Judge Colton, and summer interns Kristina Lester and Riley Lazzara.



Judge Colton and Nike

Other fun booths:



Look closely at the names of Judge Honeywell's offerings for her chamber's Nightmare on the 13th Floor theme. Scary Dec-EYE-sis (eyeball confection and coffin cookies). Ex-Scalpel-tory Evidence (bloody knife cookies). Legal Grounds (graveyard cake). The Legal Grounds include these clever headstones: Ex Pastry Defendant, BONE-a-fide Purchaser, Habeus Corpse, Scary Decisis, The Eerie Doctrine, Hauntium Meruit, and Pro BONE-O!



Best Overall: Tony Zeppole's (aka Judge Porcelli) Italian donuts.



Best-Tasting: Judge Scriven's Sweet Extraction double fudge, double chocolate chip cake, featuring a replica of an extraction from a stuck elevator in our building



Judge Sansone channeling Taylor Swift with her chamber full of Swifties garnered the award for Best Presentation for her Eras theme, complete with different desserts from different eras. The free, handmade friendship bracelets were a plus.



Judge Sneed's chamber featured their dogs for a Sneed's Breeds theme.



Left: Judge Badalamenti's theme was Ain't no Challah-Babka Girl, featuring his law clerk's challah and babka (and her sense of humor).

Right: Judge Covington's When Life Gives You Lemons lemon desserts.



Judge Barber's chamber surprised him with a namesake theme of sorts.



Judge McEwen, Judge Colton, and Nike find their inner-Barbie.