

Judges' Corner

Judge McEwen Swears In 54 New U.S. Citizens

Judge Catherine Peek McEwen presided at her first Naturalization Ceremony on March 1, 2024. Because it was the first day of Women's History Month, the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services planned an all-woman event. Judge McEwen had the extreme honor of administering the naturalization oath to 54 women from 30 countries. She loved it and said it was "one of the best times I've had as a judge."



Judge Colton Celebrates "Vesting" Day

Judge Roberta Colton's Tampa colleagues and some dear friends celebrated the April Fools' Day anniversary of her 2016 swearing-in. A bankruptcy judge's eighth anniversary is called the judge's "vesting" day for passing the halfway mark to completion of the 14-year term of appointment. Hence, everyone wore vests, but there was a special one for Judge Colton!



Judge Delano Holds Special Swearing-In Ceremony



(L to R): Clare Robbins, Judge Delano, Andrew Robbins, and Charles Robbins

In April, Chief Judge Caryl Delano administered the Oath of Admission to The Florida Bar to her nephew and godson, Andrew Robbins. Andrew's parents, Charles and Clare (Judge Delano's sister) along with other family, colleagues, and friends, were in attendance for the ceremony in Judge Delano's courtroom.

Andrew, a Tampa native, graduated from New York University. He then served as a Lieutenant in the United States Navy, and upon completion of his military service, attended the University of California, Los Angeles, School of Law. He then returned to Tampa and is an associate attorney at Rywant, Alvarez, Jones, Russo, & Guyton.

Judge McEwen Administers The Florida Bar Oath



Member of New York Bar Derek Andersen gets sworn into The Florida Bar. Derek, an associate attorney at Holland & Knight, was Judge McEwen's summer intern in 2019. He liked Tampa so much that he decided to return. Pictured here (L to R): Louis Conti (senior partner at H&K), MacKenzie Thurman (Derek's girlfriend), Derek, Judge McEwen, and Leonard Gilbert (senior partner at H&K).



Bankruptcy attorney Lorraine Jahn holds the Bible for granddaughter-in-law Ashley Adams as Ashley gets sworn into The Florida Bar by Judge McEwen. Ashley is married to Lorraine's grandson Wesley Mershon and is a prosecutor for the State Attorney's Office in Tampa



Delaware lawyer Jeffrey Schlerf, a partner with GrayRobinson, gets sworn into The Florida Bar by Judge McEwen. Holding the Bible is Jeffrey's son Alex, a sports journalist.