

## **Orlando Division Bids Farewell to Rutha Hill and Celebrates Landmark Anniversary for Alison Hale**

Rutha Hill, who began working for the Bankruptcy Court for the Middle District of Florida, Orlando Division, on June 4, 2001, retired in December. Rutha served as a Case Manager, and before joining the Bankruptcy Court, was a substitute teacher and ran a courier service. There is no question that her paralegal degree served her well during her time with the Bankruptcy Court.

While in her first year working for the Court, Rutha said, “Each day brings its own opportunity for me to improve on what I’ve been taught and to learn new things, which makes it a joy to work here.” Rutha is looking forward to spending more time on her personal ventures. These include water aerobics and being involved in her church.

She will also surely be traveling more often, especially to Alabama to spend time with her son, daughter-in-law, granddaughter, and grandson.

Although Rutha is always willing to share recipes, it is doubtful that her famous cornbread and chili recipe can be recreated as well as she makes it!

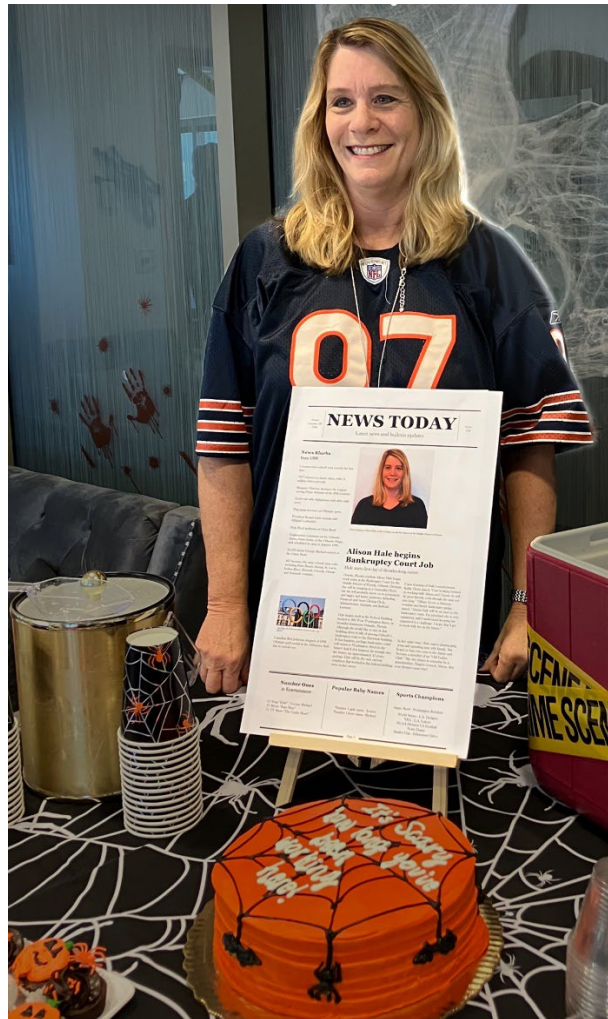
The Bankruptcy Court family congratulates Rutha on her retirement and thanks her for her decades of service!



*Rutha Hill*

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In October, Alison Hale, Judge Geyer’s Judicial Assistant, celebrated 35 years with the Court, and her colleagues authored the following “News Today” and surprised her with a cake during a Halloween party. The cake said, “It’s scary how long you’ve been working here!” Judge Geyer’s staff dressed as fans of various sports teams, hence Alison’s NFL attire.



*Allison Hale with her “News Today” and surprise anniversary cake.*

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# NEWS TODAY

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Latest news and bulletin updates

## News Blurbs from 1988

Compact discs outsell vinyl records for first time.

“ET” released to home video, with 14 million videos presold.

Margaret Thatcher becomes the longest-serving Prime Minister of the 20th Century.

Soviet war with Afghanistan ends after eight years.

Ping pong becomes an Olympic sport.

President Reagan hosts summit with Mikhail Gorbachev.

Pink Floyd performs at Citrus Bowl.

Construction continues on the Orlando Arena, future home of the Orlando Magic, and scheduled to open in January 1989.

33,500 attend George Michael concert at the Citrus Bowl.

407 becomes the state’s fourth area code, including Palm Beach, Martin, St. Lucie, Indian River, Brevard, Osceola, Orange and Seminole counties.



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Canadian Ben Johnson stripped of 1988 Olympic gold medal in the 100-meter dash due to steroid use.



New employee Alison Hale ready to begin serving the citizens of the Middle District of Florida.

## Alison Hale begins Bankruptcy Court Job

Hale starts first day of decades-long career.

Oviedo, Florida resident Alison Hale began work today at the Bankruptcy Court for the Middle District of Florida, Orlando Division. She will be temping as a Generalist Clerk, but she will probably move on to permanent and bigger and better positions, including Financial and Asset Closing Clerk, Administrative Assistant, and Judicial Assistant.

Hale begins work at the Federal Building located at 400 West Washington Street, in beautiful downtown Orlando, Florida. Although she would like to stay in that building, there is talk of moving Orlando’s bankruptcy court to the Fairwinds building. If that happens, perhaps bankruptcy court will return to Washington Street in the future! And if that happens far enough into the future, say approximately 35 years, perhaps Hale will be the only current employee that worked in this federal building twice in her career.

Upon learning of Hale’s employment, Kathy Deetz stated, “I am looking forward to working with Alison and I know we will be great friends, even though she may not stay long.” Tiffany Geyer, a Sarasota resident and future bankruptcy judge, stated, “Alison Hale will be an asset to the bankruptcy court. I’m informed she is very organized, and I understand keeping me organized is a challenge. I hope that I get to work with her in the future.”

In her spare time, Hale enjoys playing ping pong and spending time with family. She hopes to have two sons in the future and become a member of an “Old Ladies Club.” She also hopes to someday be a grandmother. Fingers crossed, Alison, that your dreams come true!

### Number Ones in Entertainment

#1 Song “Faith” - George Michael  
#1 Movie “Rain Man”  
#1 TV Show “The Cosby Show”

### Popular Baby Names

Number 1 girls' name - Jessica  
Number 1 boys' name - Michael

### Sports Champions

Super Bowl - Washington Redskins  
World Series - L.A. Dodgers  
NBA - L.A. Lakers  
NCAA Division I-A Football  
Notre Dame  
Stanley Cup - Edmonton Oilers