



FLMB Welcomes New Employees Throughout the District

Pietro Walker **IT Support Supervisor, Tampa**

Hello, everyone! My name is Pietro Walker, and I joined the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Middle District of Florida as the IT Supervisor in March 2026.

I grew up in a military family, which meant moving frequently before my parents eventually settled in Maryland. I attended the University of Maryland, where I majored in Information Systems Management with a focus on networking and computer science.



I have nearly 30 years of experience with the federal judiciary and have had the opportunity to work with several federal courts in the Washington, D.C. area, including the U.S. District Court, U.S. Court of Appeals, Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, and, most recently, the U.S. Court of Federal Claims. Throughout my career, I have held a variety of positions, including Help Desk Manager, Computer Specialist, Network and Systems Engineer, IT Security Officer, and IT Director. In my current role, I lead our IT team and oversee technology operations and support across the Court's four divisional offices.

My wife and I recently completed our relocation from Maryland to the Tampa area. Our daughter graduated from the University of South Florida, and our son will begin attending the University of Tampa in the spring.

Outside of work, I coached several men's and women's lacrosse clubs in Maryland. I am also a lacrosse official and have officiated high school and collegiate games. In my spare time, I enjoy spending time with my family and dogs, mountain biking, snowboarding, boating, fishing, working out, exploring new technology, and just about anything outdoors.

I am excited and grateful for the opportunity to be part of the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Middle District of Florida. I look forward to continuing to work with and getting to know everyone throughout the Court.

Nicko Wardana
IT Security Officer, Jacksonville

I am the new IT Security Officer for FLMB at the Jacksonville site. I previously served with the Federal Court in Washington, D.C., where I spent a little over eight years building my experience in cybersecurity and court operations. I'm excited to join FLMB, continue growing in the cybersecurity field, and take on new challenges.



Having lived most of my life in Maryland—and graduating from the University of Maryland—I'm looking forward to beginning a new chapter here in Florida. Outside of work, I enjoy exploring new places and traveling with my wife and kids.

I look forward to contributing my experience and commitment to public service to the U.S. Bankruptcy Court.



Naomi Wilson
IT Technician II, Jacksonville

Hi, I am Naomi Wilson, the District's new IT Technician.

Before moving to Jacksonville, I lived in Maryland. Red, White, Black, and Gold—that's right, I attended the University of Maryland, College Park. The question remains: did I choose the University of Maryland, or was it fate, seeing as my favorite animal is a turtle? Go Terrapins!

Professionally, I began my career in a high school work-study program, studying languages before transitioning to Information Science. Information Science is my passion, as I can help users solve complex technical issues, build strong processes, and continuously improve the user experience of FLMB IT.

In my free time, I enjoy power walking, eating the perfectly cooked steak, and curating my loose-leaf tea collection. I am most proud of the positive impact I have made on my community and the people in it. I hope to build many lifelong connections here, and I look forward to working with everyone and contributing to future endeavors.

Marc Sendra
Law Clerk to Judge
Burgess, Jacksonville

I am the new term law clerk for the Honorable Jason A. Burgess.

Before clerking for Judge Burgess, I was an associate in private practice in the Creditor's Rights & Bankruptcy practice group. During my time in private practice, I was involved in complex commercial bank litigation in state and federal court. Prior to joining a law firm, I graduated from the Washington & Lee School of Law where I served on the Journal of Civil Rights and Social Justice, interned for the Honorable Rebecca B. Connelly in the Bankruptcy Court for the Western District of Virginia, and interned for Judge Burgess.

Originally from Kissimmee, Florida, my calling and legal career drove me to Jacksonville. In my spare time, I enjoy mixed martial arts, trying new places to eat, and going to concerts with my wife, Veronica



Jonathon DeSefano
Case Manager, Jacksonville

I'm excited to be joining the Middle District of Florida Bankruptcy Court as a Case Manager.

Before coming to the court, I had the privilege of serving in the United States Coast Guard. My time in the Coast Guard taught me the value of discipline, teamwork, adaptability, and putting service first lessons that continue to guide me both personally and professionally. I'm someone who enjoys working with others, staying organized, and being someone people can count on. I'm grateful for the opportunity to be part of this team, and I look forward to learning from my new colleagues, building strong relationships, and doing my part to support the important work of the Middle District of Florida.

Jajahira Benitez
Case Manager, Orlando

Throughout my career, I have worked in the human services field across a variety of settings, gaining valuable experience supporting individuals and families through challenging circumstances. My professional experience includes advocacy, counseling, and case management, allowing me to provide guidance, emotional support, and access to resources for those facing difficult situations. I have served as an advocate in the courthouse, assisting children and victims while working closely within the legal system.



Helping others has always driven my career and I am passionate about making a positive impact in the lives of those I serve. I am excited to apply the knowledge, skills, and experience I have gained throughout my career, along with my counseling background and experience working within the legal system, to assist individuals navigating the bankruptcy court process with professionalism, empathy, and integrity.



Patrick McGee
Case Manager, Orlando

My name is Patrick McGee and I recently joined the United States Bankruptcy Court as a Case Manager. I am excited to be a part of the Court team, and I look forward to learning and growing in my role, as well as contributing to the important work of serving the public. Outside of work, I enjoy gardening, camping, reading, and spending time with my family. I am excited to get to know my colleagues and Court community, and I appreciate the warm welcome.

Emma Billings
Case Manager, Tampa

Hi y'all! My name is Emma Billings, and I recently moved to the Tampa Bay area October of 2025. I started working with the BK Courts in the Northern District of Texas in 2024 and started with the Middle District of Florida in March of 2026!

In my spare time, you can either find me walking at Vinoy Park, at the beach, or crafting at home. I have two cats that I adore, I call them my little ladies.

I am loving my time in the Tampa Bay area and working with the Tampa court! It has been nothing but encouragement for growth, and I greatly appreciate that.



Ohanna Fernandes
Case Manager, Tampa

Ohanna Fernandes is a Case Manager with the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Middle District of Florida, Tampa Division.

She previously served with the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the District of New Jersey and has a background in financial and economic analysis. Outside of work, she enjoys reading, spending time with her family, and exploring the Tampa Bay area.