

W E L C O M E
To The Team

FLMB Welcomes New Law Clerks



Mary Offutt, Jacksonville

I am the new term law clerk for Chief Judge Brown.

Before clerking for Judge Brown, I attended George Mason Antonin Scalia Law School in Arlington, Virginia. While in law school I served as the Editor in Chief of the Journal of Law, Economics & Policy and worked for several different firms in a variety of practice areas. I became a member of the District of Columbia Bar this past winter and will be taking The Florida Bar exam this upcoming July.

I love living in Jacksonville and not having to brave the cold weather up in Virginia this past winter was a new and amazing change. In my spare time, I enjoy trying new restaurants around town, taking Pilates classes, needlepointing, and spending time with my husband, Ryan, and our miniature Goldendoodle, Honey. I have very much enjoyed my time working with everyone here in the Jacksonville Division and look forward to the next two years!



Arya Omshehe, Tampa

Arya Omshehe is a law clerk to the Honorable Catherine Peek McEwen in Tampa. Born and raised in Southern California, Arya went to New England for law school and began his career clerking for Judge John P. Gustafson in the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Ohio and the Sixth Circuit BAP. His interests are in the application of code-based areas of law, and he enjoys connecting with members of the Tampa legal community.



Kevin Lee, Orlando

I am the new term law clerk for Judge Vaughan. I am originally from Cupertino, California—home of Apple and a town where people line up for product launches as eagerly as for coffee. I graduated from Notre Dame Law School in 2025, and I'm grateful that I had the opportunity to spend two years in Orlando, which gave me the chance to experience life on the other side of the country. Outside of work, I love traveling to new places, hunting down great food, and playing competitive video games.

William Lijewski, Orlando

I am Judge Robson's newest term judicial law clerk. I became a member of the Washington D.C. Bar in 2025 after graduating from The George Washington University Law School. I attended the University of Central Florida before going to law school. In Summer 2024 I had the pleasure of serving as a judicial intern for FLMB Orlando Division and was able to work with all three of our wonderful Orlando judges, and I am very happy to be back in Orlando and working in Judge Robson's Chambers. In my free time I enjoy reading, weightlifting, watching movies, and trying as many Orlando food spots as I can.



Ray Emmerson, Tampa



I am the new shared bankruptcy law clerk for the Middle District of Florida. I became a member of The Florida Bar just last year after graduating from the Florida State University College of Law and am excited to begin my career as an attorney here. Throughout law school, I worked as an in-house clerk for Peller Technologies, a large IT solutions provider, and had the opportunity to intern with the U.S. Trustee's Office in Tallahassee. I was a member of the FSU Moot Court team and argued before the Florida Supreme Court after placing in the final four of intramural tryouts. After living in Virginia, Alabama, and New Zealand, I moved to Tampa after law school and have loved it so far. In my spare time, I enjoy hiking, pickleball, and rooting for my favorite sports teams.



FLMB Welcomes Three New Case Managers in Orlando



Magaly Justiniano

I am thrilled to be joining the U.S. Bankruptcy Court and bringing 14 years of experience within the judiciary to the Case Manager role in the Orlando Division. My career began in state court, where I developed a strong foundation in court operations and judicial procedures. Most recently, I served as the Courtroom Deputy to the Honorable Judge Virginia M. Hernandez Covington at the U.S. District Court in Tampa, Florida. I look forward to contributing my experience and dedication to public service to the U.S. Bankruptcy Court.

Melissa Haniff

I am a new case manager with the Bankruptcy Court. I recently left my position as a Child Protective Investigator with DCF and transitioned to the Court. Prior to DCF, I worked in Court Administration with Orange County's Ninth Judicial Circuit Court from 2018-2022. I am studying for the LSAT and aspire to attend Barry Law School this year. I was born and raised in New Jersey, then my family escaped the cold and we have been in the sunny state of Florida for several years. On my spare time, I enjoy spending time with my daughter along with participating in my hobbies of dance and boxing. I enjoy going to the beach and looking for fun things to do in Orlando.





Wendy I. Pabon

Hello! I am so excited to join this amazing group in the Bankruptcy Court as a new Case Manager. After a two-year hiatus caring for my spouse, I have returned to the Federal workforce after over 18 years of service to the Department of Treasury, Internal Revenue Service in both New York and Orlando.

I enjoy painting, singing, and cruising with my lifelong friend and spending time with my collie and two cats. I also enjoy cheering my granddaughter on in her gymnastics competitions where she has won State in Vault this year!

Although, I am a recent widow, I look forward to continuing my service to the Federal Government until retirement and am grateful for this wonderful opportunity.