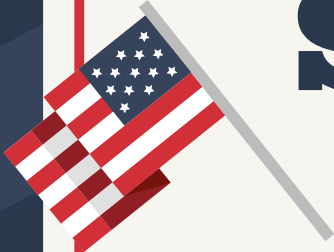


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# SUMMER SERIES DETAILS



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## WHO

The Bench Bar Fund of the Middle District of Florida and the Jacksonville Federal Court Bar Association invite all law students working in Jacksonville for the summer to participate in any and all events.

## WHAT

For years, we have hosted events to welcome law students to our Jacksonville legal community and introduce them to federal judges, federal practitioners, and various aspects of federal practice. All events are free to attend.

## WHERE

Events at the courthouse are in the Bryan Simpson U.S. Courthouse, 300 North Hogan St., Jacksonville, FL 32202. Parking information will be emailed before each event. A photo identification is required for courthouse entry.

## RSVP

To RSVP "yes" for an event, visit [www.jaxfedbar.org](http://www.jaxfedbar.org) or email [admin@jaxfedbar.org](mailto:admin@jaxfedbar.org). If you RSVP but cannot attend, you must contact (904) 549-1950 in time for another student to take your place. Because of the events' popularity, high-school students, college students, and law-school students who attended last summer will be automatically placed on a waiting list.

## DRESS CODE

Professional attire must be worn. This means a coat and tie, dress, or the equivalent.



# EVENTS



**JUNE**  
**4**  
4 PM – 7 PM  
*Welcome Event*

**JUNE**  
**9**  
11 AM – 1 PM  
*Bankruptcy Judge Event*

**JUNE**  
**16**  
12 PM – 1:30 PM  
*Professionalism/  
Etiquette Event*

**JUNE**  
**23**  
9 AM – 1 PM  
*Circuit Judge Event*

**JUNE**  
**29**  
2 PM – 3:30 PM  
*Law Clerk Event*

**JULY**  
**7**  
10:30 AM – 1 PM  
*District Judge Event*

**JULY**  
**16**  
10 AM – 1 PM  
*Naturalization  
Ceremony Event*

**JULY**  
**21**  
3 PM – 5 PM  
*Grand Jury Event*

**JULY**  
**28**  
11 AM – 1 PM  
*Magistrate Judge  
Event*

**Bonus! Any student who attends three or more events will receive a special keepsake at the end of the summer.**



# EVENT DETAILS



## **Welcome Event**

**Location: Jury Room & Sweet Pete's**

Welcome to Jacksonville! Join us at the federal courthouse to learn about the United States District Court for the Middle District of Florida, the 2026 Summer Series, and some things you can do to have a successful summer. We'll then walk next door to Sweet Pete's to enjoy refreshments and mingle with lawyers, law clerks, and other law students.

## **Bankruptcy Judge Event**

**Location: Courtroom 4A & 13th Floor**

Most of us have had debt: credit cards, student loans, and medical bills. Sometimes, that debt becomes overwhelming. Bankruptcy helps people and businesses craft a plan to clear their debts and reorganize their financial lives. This event features a presentation on bankruptcy practice by Jason Burgess, U.S. Bankruptcy Judge, followed by a casual pizza lunch with him and fellow bankruptcy judges.

## **Professionalism/ Etiquette Event**

**Location: River Club**

Join us at the River Club for a formal lunch. Dine with judges to discuss courtroom decorum, modern-manners experts to learn about dining etiquette, and local lawyers to ask questions about business and law-firm etiquette.



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## **Circuit Judge Event**

**Location: 13th Floor**

You likely practiced an oral argument in your appellate advocacy class or during a moot court competition; now listen to actual oral arguments by the pros! Watch cases before the United States Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit and then meet with United States Circuit Judges to hear tips for brief writing, oral arguments, and law clerk applications.

## **Law Clerk Event**

**Location: 13th Floor**

Law students curious about clerking are invited to join federal law clerks for an informal discussion and Q&A about the clerkship experience, the clerkship application process, pathways to clerking, and positioning yourself for success in applying for clerkships. Refreshments and cookies will be provided.

## **District Judge Event**

**Location: Courtroom 10D & 13th Floor**

The Middle District of Florida is one of the busiest federal courts in the country. Attend an oral argument in a civil action before Chief Judge Marcia Morales Howard, and then join Chief Judge Howard for lunch and a discussion about the work of a district judge



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## **Naturalization Ceremony Event**

**Location: 13th Floor**

Witnessing people take the Oath of Allegiance and become United States citizens is a moving and inspiring experience. Join an immigration officer for a discussion about the naturalization process, take a sample citizenship examination, observe a naturalization ceremony, and welcome some of our nation's newest citizens.

## **Grand Jury Event**

**Location: Grand Jury Room & United States Attorney's Office**

Grand juries are mentioned in the news, but their work is shrouded in secrecy. This event will give you an opportunity to learn about what occurs during grand jury proceedings, why they are outside the public eye, the important role of a grand juror, and a defense attorney's perspective on the grand jury. Join Assistant United States Attorney David Mesrobian and Assistant Federal Defender Waffa Hanania for a presentation, followed by a meet-and-greet with AUSAs and AFPDs.

## **Magistrate Judge Event**

**Location: Courtroom TBD & 13th Floor**

From search warrants to social security appeals, from grand jury returns to civil trials, the work of a United States Magistrate Judge is never boring. Watch a proceeding before a magistrate judge and then join magistrate judges for a lunchtime discussion of the vast scope of duties magistrate judges perform.