

Welcome and Overview of the US Bankruptcy Court, Southern District of Florida

As Clerk of Court, I want to welcome you to the court's official web site. It is a pleasure to serve you in this manner. We endeavor to provide you with as much information as possible and to provide a convenient gateway to electronic case filing and access. We hope that you will find our site easy to navigate and that the information provided is useful and complete. Your comments and suggestions on enhancing this site are welcome.

This court has jurisdiction over bankruptcy cases and proceedings filed in the counties of Miami-Dade, Monroe, Broward, Palm Beach, Highlands, Indian River, Martin, Okeechobee and St. Lucie. Demographically, these counties contain over five and one half million people, which is over one third of Florida's total population. With Palm Beach County leading with a 31% increase, six out of nine of the counties in this district reflected an average 27.8 growth in population from 1990 to 2000, compared to a statewide average of 23.5. Bankruptcy statistics for the period ending calendar year December 2003 reflect that, out of 90 courts nationwide, this court had the 12th highest caseload overall with 31, 792 cases filed annually and ranked 9th nationwide in number of chapter 11 cases filed.

Five bankruptcy judges are chambered in the Southern District of Florida - 2 in the Miami Division, 2 in Broward and 1 in West Palm Beach. One of the Broward judges also is assigned to hear cases venued in the Palm Beach division. There are 3 court locations and the court is supported by a chambers' staff of 11 and clerk's office staff of 90.

Karen Eddy
Clerk of Court