

**United States Bankruptcy Court
Southern District of Florida
Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee
Minutes of Meeting Held on March 8, 2024 (via Zoom)**

Members Present

Hon. Erik P. Kimball, Chief Judge (co-chair)
Bernice Lee (co-chair)
Amy Carrington
Maite Diaz
Michael Bakst
Monique Hayes
James Moon

Members Not Present

Linda Leali
Carlos Sardi
Hon. Laurel M. Isicoff
Dana Quick

Additional Attendees

Cameron Cradic, Chief Deputy Clerk

1. Call to Order

Ms. Lee called the meeting to order at 12:07 p.m.

2. Roll Call

A quorum was present with 7 members in attendance. Ms. White-Boyd has resigned from the Committee and a replacement has not yet been selected, leaving 11 members at this time.

3. Minutes from January 26, 2024 Meeting

The minutes from the January 26, 2024 meeting will be circulated prior to next meeting.

4. Continuing Business

a. Courthouse Beacon News

The Committee discussed a potential article regarding resources available for the differently abled.

b. Law Student / Clerkships Outreach Program

This event occurred on February 21, 2024. The Committee discussed the success of the event, the high level of interest, the format, and positive feedback. The Committee discussed whether to make this an annual event and whether there might be additional events in other locations.

c. Educational Panel

The Committee discussed a potential virtual educational panel addressing issues relating to women and the practice of law.

d. Survey Regarding Bias for Bankruptcy Attorneys, Financial Advisors, and other Bankruptcy Professionals

The Committee discussed the potential presentation of survey results at the annual BBA retreat.

5. New Business

None.

6. Next Meeting

April 19, 2024 at 12:00 p.m.

7. Adjourn

The meeting concluded at 1:02 p.m.

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