

**United States Bankruptcy Court  
Southern District of Florida  
Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee  
Friday January 10, 2025  
12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. (via Zoom)**

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**Members Present:**

Hon. Erik P. Kimball, Chief Judge (judicial co-chair)  
Bernice Lee (non-judicial co-chair)  
Michael Bakst  
Maite Diaz  
Monique Hayes (vice chair)  
Linda Leali  
Dana Quick (secretary)

**Not Present:**

Hon. Laurel M. Isicoff (judicial member)  
Amy Carrington  
James Moon  
Carlos Sardi  
Raychelle Tasher

**Additional Attendees:**

Cameron Cradic

**1. Call to Order**

Ms. Lee called the meeting to order at 12:01 p.m.

**2. Roll Call**

A quorum was present with 7 members in attendance.

**3. Minutes from October 24, 2024 Meeting**

The minutes from the prior meeting were circulated before the meeting. Comments were solicited and none were received. Motion to adopt minutes (Hayes) and seconded (Bakst). The motion passed unanimously by show of hands.

**4. Continuing Business**

***a. Resources for Differently Abled***

Judge Kimball provided an update on the View from the Bench. Although Judge Kimball had intended to provide an oral report to the View from the Bench attendees on resources for differently abled available through the Court, the program ran short on time and he was unable to do so.

***b. Proposed Ethics, Professional Responsibility and Mental Health Panel***

Ms. Lee provided an update on planning issues, including scheduling and identifying appropriate panelists. The Committee generally discussed topics and questions to include in the panel. Ms. Lee asked members to consider other topics and prepare to discuss further at the next meeting.

***c. Language and Accessibility Subcommittee***

## **5. New Business**

### ***a. Law Student / Clerkships Outreach Event 2025***

The Committee discussed planning for the event, including scheduling, format, and feedback from students on impactful elements of the prior year's event.

### ***b. Committee Name and Resolution***

The Committee discussed a resolution to change the name of the Committee. Although a quorum was present at the meeting, those in attendance agreed that a special meeting should be called at a time when more members were able to attend.

### ***c. Other New Business***

Judge Kimball discussed an upcoming panel that planned to discuss a study done on racial differences in Chapter 13 outcomes. Judge Kimball is to speak on the panel that is hosted by the American Bankruptcy Institute.

## **6. Next Meeting**

January 17, 2025, at 12:00 p.m.

## **7. Adjourn**

The meeting concluded at 1:00 p.m.

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