

**United States Bankruptcy Court
Southern District of Florida
Access and Engagement Committee
Friday September 5, 2025
12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. (via Zoom)**

Members Present:

Hon. Erik P. Kimball, Chief Judge (co-chair)
Bernice Lee (co-chair)
Michael Bakst
Maite Diaz
Jeffrey Fraser
Monique Hayes
Linda Leali
Dana Quick
Tara Trevorrow
Raychelle Tasher

Members Not Present:

Hon. Laurel M. Isicoff
Carlos Sardi

1. Call to Order

Ms. Lee called the meeting to order at 12:04 p.m.

2. Roll Call

A quorum was present with 10 members in attendance.

3. Minutes

a. February 28, 2025 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 (Diaz). The motion passed unanimously by show of hands.

4. Continuing Business

a. Law Student Meeting / Clerkship Outreach on April 14, 2025

Committee generally discussed the event attendance and feedback each had received on same from attendees. Discussion was also had about alternate or additional locations and later times for future meetings given distance and travel times for law students not central to the University of Miami. Timing with respect to class schedules and exams, and coordination with law schools was discussed. On the latter issue, Fraser and Tasher volunteered to coordinate with schools.

b. *Ethics, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Panel on May 9, 2025*

Committee generally discussed the event attendance and feedback. The Chair reported over 150 individuals attended the panel, and that many attorneys had reached out following the panel to advise the information was helpful and important to continue discussing. Additional discussion was had on potential future topics.

c. *Amended Bylaws*

Committee members advised they had reviewed the proposed bylaws. Motion to adopt bylaws (Quick) and seconded (Bakst). The motion passed unanimously by show of hands.

d. *Language and Accessibility Subcommittee*

No update

6. New Business

a. *Expiring Terms*

Committee noted several individuals had expiring terms at the end of 2025: the Chair, Hays, Quick, and Leali.

b. *New Members for 2026*

Julianne Frank and Nichole McLemore will be joining the committee in 2026. The Chair requested recommendations for the two remaining seats. General discussion occurred about how to ensure representation and diversity among various counties covered by the Court and different practice areas – *e.g.*, consumer versus business.

c. *New issues*

Trevorrow suggested streamlining the location of stored information to ensure that there is no lost information as members roll off and new members come on.

7. Next Meeting

The next meeting date November 14, 2025 at 12:00.

8. Adjourn

The meeting concluded at 12:49 p.m.

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