

**United States Bankruptcy Court
Southern District of Florida
Access and Engagement Committee
Friday November 14, 2025
12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. (via Zoom)**

Members Present:

Hon. Erik P. Kimball (judicial co-chair)
Bernice Lee (non-judicial co-chair)
Dana Quick
Tara Trevorrow
Michael Bakst
Jeffrey Fraser
Maite Diaz

Members Not Present:

Hon. Laurel M. Isicoff
Monique Hayes
Linda Leali
Carlos Sardi
Raychelle Tasher

1. Call to Order

Ms. Lee called the meeting to order at 12:03 p.m.

2. Roll Call

A quorum was present with 7 members in attendance.

3. Minutes

a. September 5, 2025 meeting

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

4. Continuing Business

a. Law Student Meeting / Clerkships Outreach Program

- i. *Updates from Monique, Raychell and Jeff regarding potential timing and law school(s).*

Fraser provided an update on conversations with University of Miami and Nova University. Fraser advised he received positive responses and has scheduled follow up conversations with both schools to determine dates and programming. University of Miami is looking for dates in the spring.

Discussion was had about the format of the events, with suggestions that ranged from a single, large centralized full or half day event with reception, to standalone events at each school, with consensus toward the latter. Trevorrow suggested creating teams for different locations to avoid judges and clerks from having to travel far during busy traffic times.

b. Members:

- i. *Expiring Terms: (1) Bernice Lee (2025 non-judicial co-chair), (2) Monique Hayes (2025 vice chair), (3) Dana Quick (2025 secretary) and (4) Linda Leali (2025)*

Judge Kimball thanked outgoing members for their work, especially Lee who put in significant work outside of meetings to facilitate and plan various events for the committee. Judge Kimball announced that Fraser would be taking over as non-judicial co-chair. Judge Kimball also advised that the committee roles of vice chair and secretary would need to be filled.

- ii. *New Members for 1/2026: (1) Julianne Frank, and (2) Nichole McLemore*

Judge Kimball advised that there were two additional committee spots to fill and solicited suggestions for same. Discussion was had about ensuring representation across practice and geographic area.

c. Language and Accessibility Subcommittee

5. New Business

a. Potential CLE - Open Discussion

Discussion was had about a potential CLE on the topic of disparate treatments in bankruptcy based upon several groups of researchers' investigation and analysis of data collected. Fraser advised he had seen such a presentation at the ABI conference and would circulate the description of the that presentation for consideration.

6. Next Meeting

Next meeting: January 16, 2026, at noon.

7. Adjourn

The meeting concluded at 12:49 p.m.

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