

**United States Bankruptcy Court
Southern District of Florida
Access and Engagement Committee
Friday January 16, 2026
12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. (via Zoom)**

Members Present:

Hon. Erik P. Kimball (Judicial Co-chair)
Jeffery Fraser (Non-judicial Co-chair)
Maite Diaz (Secretary)
Tara Trevorrow (Vice-Chair)
Alexis Garcia
Joanna Tempone
Julianne Frank
Nicole McLemore

Members Not Present:

Hon. Laurel M. Isicoff
Carlos Sardi
Raychelle Tasher
Michael Bakst

1. Call to Order

Mr. Fraser called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m.

2. Roll Call

A quorum was present with 8 members in attendance.

3. Minutes

a. November 16, 2025 meeting

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

4. Continuing Business

a. Welcome New Members

Judge Kimball welcomed new committee members and announced Maite Diaz will be serving as secretary and Tara Trevorrow will be serving as vice-chair. Fraser and Judge Kimball spoke on the objective of the committee as being to raise awareness of issues that concern the bar and ensure that available resources are put to use and refined in the best possible manner to assist people interacting with the court.

b. Law Student Meeting / Clerkships Outreach Program

*Updates from Fraser regarding potential timing and law school(s).
Planning discussion.*

Fraser recounted details of the 2025 Clerkship event held at the University of Miami, aimed at increasing the diversity of the applicant pool by educating local students on the application process.

Fraser provided an update on conversations with the University of Miami and provided a tentative 3/4/26 date for the program and noted ongoing discussions with Prof. Ken Lewis at Nova University to hold a similar program in Broward County, possibly on 2/23/26. Fraser stated he would pass along the date and time information to the committee as it becomes available.

A discussion was held about the format of the events. The committee discussed creating an agenda for the events. Treverrow volunteered to develop a formal agenda, and McLemore volunteered to present on the topic of explaining how OSCAR works. Judge Kimball volunteered to give opening remarks at the events.

Diaz mentioned committee member Sardi is teaching a bankruptcy clinic course at FIU Law. Fraser agreed to contact Sardi to set up an event at FIU Law as well.

B. Language and Accessibility Subcommittee:

Explanation was given to the purpose and function of the subcommittee, and it was explained that the subcommittee works with the clerk to make translations of documents available, and to try to make sure accessibility assistance is well-advertised (for example, all the judges have hearing assistance devices in the courtrooms).

5. New Business

a. Potential CLE - Open Discussion

Discussion was held about a potential CLE on the topic of disparate treatment in bankruptcy based upon several groups of researchers' investigation and analysis of data collected. Fraser advised that he had seen such a presentation at the ABI conference and would circulate the description of that presentation for consideration. The committee discussed inviting the presenters of said ABI conference, professors from Harvard, Princeton and BYU, to discuss their

research to increase awareness among the local Bar to the various issues facing debtors. Judge Kimball asked Frasier to explore further to whether a CLE on the subject would be useful.

b. New Ideas

Tempone suggested we explore a CLE panel on the subject of the rising influence of AI to the practice of law in our court.

6. Next Meeting

Next meeting: March 27, 2026, at noon.

7. Adjourn

The meeting concluded at 1:01 p.m.

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