

The Fort Myers Division of the Middle District of Florida and
The Bench Bar Fund of the Middle District of Florida

presents the

2023 Summer Series

for law students working for Judges and Lawyers in the Fort Myers Division

The Fort Myers Division of the Middle District of Florida welcomes local law students to the courthouse for an eight-part series that will enable them to connect with judges and lawyers and to learn more about federal practice.

All events are **FREE**. RSVP to any (or all) events by emailing Courtney Ward at Courtney.Ward@flmd.uscourts.gov. If you RSVP “yes” to attend any event, please make every effort to come. Professional attire is required.

All events will be **in person** at the United States Courthouse and Federal Building in downtown Fort Myers. The courthouse’s address is 2110 First Street, Fort Myers, Florida 33901. Parking is available in the public garage across the street from the courthouse’s front entrance.

Morning at the Federal Courthouse

Come to the federal courthouse to meet U.S. District Judge Sheri Polster Chappell and U.S. Magistrate Judges Nicholas Mizell and Kyle Dudek to learn how civil and criminal cases progress through the justice system. This event is a unique chance to better understand federal litigation from start to finish and to gain insight on what the Judges expect of attorneys who appear before them. Coffee, bagels, and breakfast pastries will be served.

When: May 23, 2023 from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.

Where: Jury deliberation room for Courtroom 5D (fifth floor)

Space: Up to 10 students

Demystifying the Roles of United States Magistrate Judges

Join U.S. Magistrate Judge Kyle C. Dudek as he discusses the duties and responsibilities of federal magistrate judges and holds a mock bond hearing. Lunch will be provided.

When: June 2, 2023 from 12:00 to 1:00 p.m.

Where: Jury deliberation room for Courtroom 5D (fifth floor)

Space: Up to 15 students

Who Wants to Clerk?

Are you interested in clerking after law school? Join U.S. Magistrate Judge Kyle C. Dudek and several current clerks working at the Courthouse for a lunch to discuss applying to clerkships, the dos and don'ts of interviewing, and post-clerkship opportunities. Lunch will be provided.

When: June 14 from 12:00 to 1:00 p.m.

Where: Jury deliberation room for Courtroom 5D (fifth floor)

Space: Up to 10 students

Federal Criminal Cases and Sentencing

Observe U.S. District Judge Thomas Barber as he presides over sentencing hearings and then join him for lunch and a debriefing on the proceedings and a discussion on federal and state criminal cases. Lunch will be provided.

When: June 23, 2023. The hearings start at 9:00 a.m. and will last until lunch. Watch some or all hearings. But the lunch will start around noon in the jury deliberation room.

Where: Courtroom 6B (sixth floor)

Space: Unlimited space for the hearings, but space is limited to 10 students for lunch.

A Day in the Life of Deputy U.S. Marshal

The U.S. Marshal Service is the judiciary's enforcement arm, so join U.S. Deputy Marshal Ricardo Rodriguez as he and his staff explain the day-to-day responsibilities of his agency and shows off the tools of their trade. Starbucks coffee and donuts will be provided.

When: June 30, 2023 from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

Where: Jury Assembly Room (second floor)

Space: Up to 15 students

Business Etiquette Lunch

Good manners have always been important, and today more than ever. So Suzanne Willis, a professional etiquette coach, will present a seminar business social situations, networking, and dining manners. The seminar will take place over a three-course lunch at Izzy's in downtown Fort Myers.

When: Monday, July 10 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Where: Izzy's Restaurant, 2282 First St, Fort Myers, FL 33901

Space: Up to 20 students

The Federal Criminal Justice System

Join Jesus Casas, Chief Assistant United States Attorney, and Russ Rosenthal, Fort Myers Division Supervisor and Second Assistant for a behind-the-scenes look at the federal criminal justice system. They will discuss criminal prosecution, representing indigent defendants, and preparing for sentencings. Lunch will be provided.

When: July 12, 2023 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Where: Jury Assembly Room (second floor)

Space: Up to 20 students

Farewell Lunch Reception

Summer is ending and law school is about to start again. Before you return to the classroom, join the Judges, lawyers, law clerks, and court employees for lunch at the courthouse. Lunch will be provided.

When: July 21, 2023 from 12:00 to 1:00 p.m.

Where: Jury Assembly Room (second floor)

Space: Up to 20 students