

# **JUDGES McEWEN'S MENTORING PROGRAM FOR NEW BANKRUPTCY LAWYERS**

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The next session of Judge McEwen's mentoring program for lawyers new to the practice of bankruptcy law is scheduled for Thursday, October 2, 2014, from Noon to 1:30 p.m. in the bankruptcy court's training room on the 5<sup>th</sup> floor, Sam M. Gibbons U.S. Courthouse in Tampa. The guest speakers for this session are:

- Hon. James S. Moody • Brad Kimbro • Erik Matheney

## **PROGRAM TITLE:**

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## **BEST PRACTICES: DIRECT AND CROSS EXAMINATION**

### **SPECIFIC TOPICS TO INCLUDE:**

- THE IMPORTANCE OF PRE-TRIAL DEPOSITIONS
- AVOIDING TESTIMONY ABOUT UNDISPUTED FACTS
- KEYS TO EXAMINING EXPERT WITNESSES

**> FREE CLE CREDIT <**

Anyone planning to attend is encouraged to send questions related to the program topic to Judge McEwen's Law Clerk, Lisa Scotten, at [lisa\\_scotten@flmb.uscourts.gov](mailto:lisa_scotten@flmb.uscourts.gov). This will help the guest speaker(s) better prepare the program to include the answers and information the participants want. [More on next page.]

*About the Mentoring Program*

Each quarter, the Bankruptcy Judges will have a short program on the basics of lawyering in bankruptcy court. Participating lawyers will have the opportunity to discuss and ask questions concerning the topics discussed as well as raising other issues or questions of interest or concern. In this way, the Judges will be available to new lawyers to help them work through problems and offer senior lawyer guidance to help them develop professionally, ethically, and responsibly.

Although the program is generally designed and geared for lawyers within their first five years of practice or new to the practice of bankruptcy law, anyone is welcome.

Lawyers wishing to participate simply need to come. No “sign up” or registration is required. Participants are invited to bring a brown bag lunch if they wish. Canned drinks are available from the vending machines open to the public on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor of the Courthouse.

There is an e-mail distribution list for announcements and other communication with the participants. **If you'd like to be added to this distribution list, please e-mail Judge McEwen's Judicial Assistant, Mary Morrison, at [mmary@flmb.uscourts.gov](mailto:mmary@flmb.uscourts.gov).**