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FIFTY YEARS OF JUSTICE, A HISTORY OF THE U.S. DISTRICT COURT FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF FLORIDA
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A new book by James M. Denham provides a wonderfully engaging and informative look at the history of the Middle District of Florida.

Orlando, FL, June 12, 2015 -- Fifty Years of Justice, A History of the U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Florida, delivers a fascinating look at the history of the Middle District of Florida from its inception in 1962. Through vivid descriptions, the book brings to life the District’s first fifty years of important cases and legal developments. Professor James M. Denham meticulously researched the book, and the history of the Middle District of Florida is often told through the judges, lawyers, and litigants who lived the events.

Over the past few years the United States District Court for the Middle District of Florida engaged in numerous efforts to memorialize the Middle District of Florida’s first fifty years, including installing historical exhibits at each of the District’s courthouses in Jacksonville, Orlando, Ocala, Tampa, and Fort Myers; preserving the oral histories of the judges of the Middle District of Florida; and conducting an academic symposium in honor of the fifty years of service by the lawyers, court staff, and judiciary of the Middle District of Florida. All of these efforts, including Professor Denham’s book, were made possible by the contributions of the practicing lawyers in the Middle District of Florida to the District’s Bench Bar Fund.

Fifty Years of Justice, A History of the U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Florida, is the culmination of the Middle District of Florida’s efforts to document the events and persons who helped dispense justice for the citizens of central Florida during the Court’s first fifty years.

“Succeeds in lifting the veil to capture the daily drama, excitement, and importance of one federal district court’s work—all within the framework of the legal and political developments of the time. This fascinating and invaluable narrative history is a must-read for all serious students of Florida’s federal judiciary, as well as of the general history of the state.”—Walter W. Manley II, coauthor of The Supreme Court of Florida and Its Predecessor Courts, 1821-1917

“Gives insights into the way that many major cases have been resolved by judges and lawyers who were so frequently called on not only for hard work but for courage and integrity.”—Talbot “Sandy” D’Alemberte, former president, Florida State University, and former president, American Bar Association