

present the

2025 SUMMER SERIES

for law students & young lawyers working in Orlando & nearby areas

Welcome to federal court! This five-part series will introduce law students and young lawyers to federal judges, federal practitioners, and aspects of federal practice. All events are free. All events require business attire. You must have a valid ID to enter the courthouse. Only members of the bar may bring a cell phone into the courthouse.

Please note that each event requires a reservation. Be mindful that if you make a reservation, a seat will be saved for you and food will be bought for you for many of the events. If you cannot attend, immediately contact Savannah Young, Summer Series Chair, youngsa@gtlaw.com, so your seat can be given to someone else.

Pro Bono Panel

The pro bono event will feature a panel discussion on the significance of pro bono work, the methods practitioners use to find pro bono cases, the ways they balance pro bono commitments with their regular workload, and some personal anecdotes.

Wednesday, June 4, 2025, 12:00PM – 1:30PM

Orlando Event Space, 3rd Floor, United States Federal Courthouse, 401 W. Central Blvd, Orlando, FL 32801

Lunch will be provided at no cost

Please RSVP [HERE](#)

Please direct questions to Savannah Young, youngsa@gtlaw.com

Federal Trial Practice Seminar

This session features a federal District Judge, Magistrate Judge, and Assistant U.S. Attorney to discuss the nuts and bolts of trials in federal court. This will cover everything from where to stand and how to object to the importance of pretrial practice, Daubert motions, and trial strategy. Join us from 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. for a courtroom seminar on trials in federal court.

Thursday, June 12, 2025, 10:30AM – 12:00PM

Courtroom 4B, United States Federal Courthouse, 401 W. Central Blvd, Orlando, FL 32801

Please RSVP [HERE](#)

Please direct questions to Jeremy Bloor, Jeremy.Bloor@usdoj.gov

Appellate Practice

During your first year of law school, you likely received an introduction to appellate advocacy. This event provides an opportunity to build upon that foundation by observing an oral argument before the United States Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit and a panel discussion featuring federal appellate practitioners. The panel will include criminal and civil practitioners, who will highlight the differences between trial and appellate practice and answer your questions.

Wednesday, June 18, 2025, 1:15PM – 3:30PM. Please arrive early as the oral argument begins at 1:30PM.

Courtroom 6A, United States Federal Courthouse, 401 W. Central Blvd, Orlando, FL 32801

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Please direct questions to Lindsay Macmillan & Savannah Young, youngsa@gtlaw.com

Professionalism & Ethics

Navigating federal litigation as a young attorney can be daunting and presents unique challenges that new attorneys are unlikely to have ever previously faced. Join a federal judge and seasoned practitioners for a discussion on courtroom and litigation decorum. Panelists will offer their thoughts on relevant ethical considerations in civil and criminal settings, and share general advice for appearing in Federal Court.

Tuesday, June 24, 2025, 12:00PM – 1:30PM

Orlando Event Space, United States Federal Courthouse, 401 W. Central Blvd, Orlando, FL 32801

Lunch will be provided at no cost

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Please direct questions to Ben Elliott, BElliott@shutts.com, and Erin Brown, ebrown@rbrownllc.com

The United States Bankruptcy Court

Most of us have had some type of debt: credit cards, student loans, medical bills. And sometimes, that debt becomes overwhelming. The process of bankruptcy helps individuals and businesses craft a plan to clear their debts and reorganize their financial affairs. Observe hearings before the United States Bankruptcy Court and then join United States Bankruptcy Judges and practitioners for a casual Q&A lunch.

Thursday, July 10, 2025, Time TBD, but will likely include hearings before and after the lunch panel. Specific times will be announced soon.

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FEDERAL BAR ASSOCIATION

United States Bankruptcy Court, 400 W. Washington Street, 6th Floor, Orlando, FL 32801

Lunch will be provided at no cost

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Please direct questions to Andrew Ballentine, aballentine@mycornerstonelaw.com