

**ASB Bankruptcy and Commercial Law Section**  
**BANKRUPTCY AT THE BEACH, June 2 and 3, 2023**  
**Speakers' Bios**

**June 2**

**James J. Robinson**, Chief Judge, US Bankruptcy Court, Northern District of Alabama, is a graduate of Georgia State University and Samford University's Cumberland School of Law. Prior to his 2006 appointment to the bankruptcy bench for the Northern District of Alabama, he was in private practice with Burr & Forman.

**Michael L. Hall** is a partner at Burr & Forman LLP. He received his undergraduate degree from The Catholic University of America and his law degree from Duke University. He has practiced business bankruptcy law since graduating from law school often representing secured lenders.

**Hanna Lahr**, a partner at Burr & Forman LLP, practices in the Creditors' Rights & Bankruptcy Practice group. She is a graduate of the University of Alabama with a degree in Commerce and Business Administration and of the Indiana University Maurer School of Law.

**Jennifer H. Henderson**, Chief Judge, US Bankruptcy Court, Northern District of Alabama, a graduate of Birmingham Southern and the University of Alabama Law School, was appointed to the bench in 2015. She was in private practice with Burr & Forman and then Bradley, after serving as a law clerk for US Bankruptcy Judge Thomas B. Bennett.

**Clifton R. Jessup Jr**, Judge, US Bankruptcy Court, Northern District of Alabama, an Oakwood University and University of Michigan Law School graduate, was appointed to the bench for the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Alabama in 2015. Prior to his appointment, Judge Jessup practiced bankruptcy law with cases throughout the U.S. He left the law firm of Greenberg Traurig LLP to take the bench.

**Christopher L. Hawkins**, Judge, US Bankruptcy Court, Middle District of Alabama, a graduate of Spring Hill College and the University of Alabama Law School, was sworn in on March 14, 2022. He was in private practice with Bradley prior to his appointment.

**Roman Shaul**, General Counsel, Alabama State Bar. Prior to his appointment, he served as a circuit judge in Montgomery County. He was involved in private practice for 19 years in Tuscaloosa and Montgomery before serving as a judge.

**June 3**

**Keith M. Lundin**, Judge (Retired) US Bankruptcy Court, Middle District of Tennessee, received his undergraduate degree from Brown University and his J.D. degree from Vanderbilt University. He served as a law clerk to Chief Judge Harry Phillips of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit. Prior to his 1982 appointment to the bench, Judge Lundin served as the Chapter 13 Trustee for the Middle District of Tennessee. Judge Lundin retired on June 16, 2016.

**Yesha Yadav**, Assistant Professor of Law, Vanderbilt University, received her master's degree from the University of Cambridge in 2003. After being admitted to the bar of England and Wales, she joined the practice of Clifford Chance. She left the practice in 2008 to earn a LL.M at Harvard Law School. Professor Yadav joined the World Bank in Washington, DC in 2009 as legal counsel in the organization's Insolvency and Creditor-Debtor Initiative. She joined Vanderbilt's faculty in 2011.

**Tamara O. Mitchell**, Judge, US Bankruptcy Court, Northern District of Alabama, is a graduate of the University of South Alabama and the Whittier College School of Law. Prior to her appointment to the bench, Judge Mitchell practiced law in Mobile. She was first appointed to the US Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Alabama in 1992. She was recently reappointed and started her third 14-year term on the bench.

**D. Sims Crawford**, Judge, US Bankruptcy Court, Northern District of Alabama, a University of Alabama graduate, received his JD degree from Cumberland School of Law, Samford University. Immediately prior to his appointment to the bench on September 1, 2016, he served as the Chapter 13 Standing Trustee for the Northern District of Alabama, Southern Division.

**Bess M. Parrish Creswell**, Chief Judge, was appointed to the US Bankruptcy Court for the Middle District of Alabama April 2018. She received her B.A. and MBA from Campbell University and her J.D. from Wake Forest University School of Law. Judge Creswell served as a law clerk for Judge Ray C. Mullins, US Bankruptcy Court, N.D. Ga. She was in private practice from 2005 until her appointment to the bench.

**Henry A. Callaway**, Judge, US Bankruptcy Court, Southern District of Alabama, received an undergraduate degree from Harvard and his JD degree from Vanderbilt. He was in private practice in Mobile for 32 years with Hand Arendall prior to his appointment to the bankruptcy bench in 2015.

**Jerry C. Oldshue**, Chief Judge, US Bankruptcy Court, Southern District of Alabama, graduated from the University of Alabama with a BS in mechanical engineering. After a few years working as an engineer, Judge Oldshue returned to the University to attend law school and participate in the MBA program. He was a shareholder of the Rosen, Harwood firm in Tuscaloosa prior to his appointment to the bench. Judge Oldshue was appointed to the bankruptcy bench for the Southern District of Alabama in 2015.

**Jamie A. Wilson**, Judge, US Bankruptcy Court, Southern District of Mississippi, was appointed to the bench on July 1, 2021. Previously, she served as an Assistant U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of Alabama and prior to that, she was in private practice with the firm of Benton & Centeno. Judge Wilson received her J.D. degree from Cumberland School of Law in 2003. She has served as Chair of the Bankruptcy and Commercial Law Section of the Alabama Bar until she assumed the bench.