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**Danielle Cripe** is a Courtroom Deputy/Contracting Officer for the United States Bankruptcy Court, Northern District of Iowa. During her time with the Court, she served as Judicial Assistant to a U.S. District Court Judge before her appointment to her current position. She joined the NCBC in 2020 and was a participant in the 2020 LEAD Academy program. In 2021, she became a lifetime member of the NCBC and joined the LEAD Academy Subcommittee. She is currently serving her second year as Co-Chair of the Subcommittee and has mentored three program participants.

**Jamie Smith** is the Chief Deputy Clerk for the United States Bankruptcy Court, Western District of Wisconsin. Prior to her appointment, she served as a Calendar Clerk, Operations Supervisor, and Divisional Deputy in the District of Minnesota. She has been a member of the NCBC since 2016, and subsequently became a lifetime member. Jamie has served on the LEAD Academy Subcommittee since its inception, working to form the initial pilot program with Sandy Smith and the initial members of the Subcommittee. She has mentored several program participants since joining the Subcommittee and has served as Co-Chair since 2020.

**Tanja Brewer** is the Human Resources Coordinator for the United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit. She has been a member of the NCBC since joining the courts in 2016 and is a lifetime member. Prior to her current role, she had served as Human Resources Specialist, Administrative Support Specialist, Intake Deputy Clerk, ECRO Specialist, and Custodian at the United States Bankruptcy Court, Middle District of Tennessee. She completed the LEAD Academy in 2019 to enhance her skillset, and she returned to the program as a mentor in 2021 and has mentored for three years. This is her second year as a member of the LEAD Academy Subcommittee.

**Deborah Jensen** is a Courtroom Deputy for the United States Bankruptcy Court, District of Idaho. She has 27 years of experience including 10 years in the United States Bankruptcy Court, Southern District of California. During her time with the courts, she has served as an Intake Clerk, a Case Administrator, a Judicial Assistant, and a Courtroom Deputy. She became a mentor for the LEAD Academy in 2020 and has mentored three program participants. She has been a member of the NCBC since 2018 and currently serves as a member of the LEAD Academy Subcommittee.

**Jennifer Mahar** is a Courtroom Deputy for the United States Bankruptcy Court, Eastern District of Michigan. During her time with the Court, she served as a Court Services Specialist and Case Administrator before her appointment to her current position. She joined NCBC in 2010, became a Lifetime member in 2019 and was a participant in the inaugural LEAD Academy program. In addition to participating with the LEAD Academy as a mentor, she is the 6<sup>th</sup> Circuit Representative and serves on the Impact Newsletter committee. This is her first year as a member of the LEAD Academy Subcommittee.

**Keith McCormick** is the Chief Deputy Clerk for the United States Bankruptcy Court, Eastern District of Kentucky. Prior to his current role, he served as Administrative Support Specialist and Human Resources Administrator. He has been a lifetime member of the NCBC since 2020, and joined the LEAD Academy as a program mentor in 2022. This is his second year as a member of the LEAD Academy Subcommittee.

**Dawn Meador** is a Courtroom Deputy for the United States Bankruptcy Court, Western District of Missouri. She has been with the court since 2006, where she started as a case administrator. By 2008, she was a relief Courtroom Deputy and eventually became a Courtroom Deputy when the new judge joined the court in 2017. Other duties as assigned included being the go-to dictionary and stats person, being a part of the NextGen Implementation Team, and was the person that got MOWB up and running with CMAssist. She joined NCBC in 2017 and is a lifetime member. She was a participant in the Pilot LEAD Academy program. In 2021, she became a mentor for the program and has mentored each year thereafter. NCBC and LEAD has helped her with being a NextGen Court Mentor for Judge Review Packets and Workspace when courts migrate from Current Gen to NextGen. She currently serves as a member of the Subcommittee.

**Woody Parks** is a retired Training Specialist from the United States Bankruptcy Court, District of Minnesota. Previously, he had held the titles of Administrative Analyst, backup for Intake Clerk, Data Quality Analyst, Help Desk, Attorney Admissions, and as a Trainer for the Federal Judicial Center, the Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts, and the 8<sup>th</sup> Circuit. He joined the NCBC in 1998 and served as the NCBC Local Representative and Circuit Liaison before his retirement. Woody has been a member of the LEAD Academy Subcommittee since the program's inception, working with Committee Chair, Sandy Smith, to put together the pilot program for the LEAD Academy in 2019. He has also served as a LEAD Academy faculty member.