

Tanja Brewer is the Human Resources Coordinator for the Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit. Prior to this role, she served as a Human Resources Specialist for the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Middle District of Tennessee from May 2016 – July 2023. Tanja is a NCBC lifetime member where she has served on both the Awards and Scholarships Committee and the LEAD Academy Subcommittee. She has played an active role in LEAD Academy program: as a participant in 2019, a mentor from 2021 – 2023, a committee member from 2022 – present, a workshop co-facilitator in 2023 and joined the LEAD Academy faculty in 2024.

Tanja's path to the judiciary was filled with twists and turns, from working in gaseous diffusion for Lockheed Martin, and as an aircraft electrician in the United States Army. She was introduced to HR while in the United States Army Reserves while attending Southern Illinois University as a Civil Engineering major, and now brings over 20 years of HR experience spanning the public, private and military sectors. She went on to earn a B.S. in Business Administration – HRM from Western Governors University and a MBA – HRM from Southern New Hampshire University. She is also a Society for Human Resource Management – Senior Certified Professional.

Beverly Griffeth-Bryant brings 39 years of federal court experience, starting in 1985 as an Intake Clerk in the Eastern District of Michigan US District Court, and later becoming the Intake Workleader in Chicago's Bankruptcy Court. Currently, as a Training Specialist, she develops and delivers programs for court staff, attorneys, and stakeholders. In 2007, Beverly embraced Gallup and CliftonStrengths to enhance court morale. Over the past 17 years, she became a Gallup Certified Strengths Coach. She has been an advocate to guide the Bankruptcy Court's "strengths-based" endeavor. The "Strengths Philosophy" fosters an environment for all to develop talents into strengths. Beverly, alongside twelve champions, has over the last 17 years weaved strength development and discussions into every aspect of court culture, from new hires to leadership programs, and has held a monthly "Judiciary Talent Tuesday" Zoom webcast and created a Judiciary Talent Tuesday channel on Microsoft Stream to house each webcast.

John Kohler is the Clerk of Court for the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Western District of Wisconsin. He previously served as the Chief Deputy Clerk for the Western District of Wisconsin (2014–2022), as well as the Administrative Manager (2011 – 2014) and Analysis & Information Manager (2007–2011) for the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Central District of California. John is a NCBC lifetime member where he has participated on numerous committees over the years. He joined LEAD Academy as a faculty member in 2019 and returned in 2022.

Prior to joining the Judiciary, John worked for the United States Department of Treasury Franchise Fund FedSource, a \$700m entrepreneurial government enterprise that provided shared administrative services to other federal agencies on a competitive and fully cost-reimbursable basis. He also served in the U.S. Army where he held a variety of leadership positions at U.S. Pacific Command (USPACOM), Special Operations Command, Pacific (SOCPAC), and Fitzsimons Army Medical Center. John has a B.S. in Business Administration from Hawaii Pacific University, as well as an M.B.A. and a M.A. in Human Resource Management and Organizational Development from Azusa Pacific University.

Barry Lander retired in 2020 after a 39-year career with the Federal Judiciary, the last 32 serving as Clerk of the U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Southern District of California. He is a past President of the NCBC and served as Lead Faculty and NCBC Coordinator for the Michigan State University Judicial Administration Certificate Program during the life of the program and is now a member of the faculty for LEAD Academy. Barry continues to provide learning opportunities for court staff and others in his retirement. He previously served as Chief Deputy Clerk, U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of California (1984 - 1989) and Clerk of the United States Bankruptcy Appellate Panel of the Ninth Circuit from 1981 through 1984. Barry served as Chair of the Administrative Office's Bankruptcy Clerks' Advisory Group, Co-Chair of the AO Court Exchange Programs Working Group and Chair of the Federal Judicial Center's Bankruptcy Clerks Education Committee. He served on a number of AO advisory and working groups. He has taught numerous Administrative Office and Federal Judicial Center programs and is often called upon to speak on various administrative and technological topics.

Gina Zadra Walton is the Clerk of Court for the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Western District of Washington. Gina has been on the faculty of the National Conference of Bankruptcy Clerk's LEAD Academy since its pilot program in 2019. She is the Chair of the FJC's Advisory Committee for Management and Professional Development Education and has served as faculty for the Federal Judicial Center (FJC)'s Executive Education programs for new and experienced chief deputies and is a member of the FJC's Advisory Committee for Management and Professional Development Education. Gina has served on numerous local and national committees related to bankruptcy rules and forms and held an 18-month temporary duty position with the Administrative Office, Technology Solutions Office, Best Practices Working Groups. Before becoming Clerk, Gina served as WAWB's Chief Deputy and as law clerk to the Hon. Karen Overstreet. Prior to joining the Judiciary, Gina was a lawyer in private practice in Seattle, focused on bankruptcy and commercial litigation. She has a B.A. from Stanford University and a J.D. from the University of Washington.