

LAUREL MYERSON ISICOFF took the oath of office on February 13, 2006. Prior to becoming a judge, Judge Isicoff specialized in commercial bankruptcy, foreclosure and workout matters both as a transactional attorney and litigator for fourteen years with the law firm of Kozyak Tropin & Throckmorton, after practicing for approximately 8 years with Squire, Sanders & Dempsey. Judge Isicoff also developed a specialty in bankruptcy and SEC receiverships involving Ponzi schemes. After graduating from University of Miami School of Law in 1982, Judge Isicoff clerked for the Honorable Daniel S. Pearson at the Florida Third District Court of Appeal before entering private practice. In March, 2006 Judge Isicoff was inducted into the American College of Bankruptcy and serves as a director of the American College of Bankruptcy Foundation. She is also currently the chair of the Public Outreach Committee of the National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges. Judge Isicoff is a past President of the Bankruptcy Bar Association (BBA) of the Southern District of Florida, and, until she took the bench, served as the Chair of the Pro Bono Task Force for the BBA. Judge Isicoff taught the inaugural year of the Bankruptcy Assistance Clinic at St. Thomas Law School, a program which she helped design, and for which she served as a mentor. Judge Isicoff also served as a student mentor for the University of Miami School of Law bankruptcy clinic until her appointment. Judge Isicoff speaks extensively on bankruptcy and pro bono service around the country, and to high school and college students in the South Florida area on financial literacy.