

**United States Bankruptcy Court  
Western District of Missouri**



**NCBJ Announces Blackshear NCBJ Presidential Fellowship Opportunities  
for the 2015 Conference in Miami Beach**

The National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges will soon be accepting applications for its Honorable Cornelius Blackshear Presidential Fellowship for minority lawyers who practice bankruptcy law. Please go to <http://www.ncbj.org/?page=BlackshearFellowship> for information about Judge Blackshear, the Fellowship criteria, the application form and other information about the program.

Named after esteemed Bankruptcy Judge Blackshear, now retired from the Southern District of New York, the fellowship program provides both waived conference registration (\$949 value) and a stipend for reasonable travel/hotel expenses for five up-and-coming minority bankruptcy practitioners (with less than 10 years of experience) who wish to attend the annual meeting of the National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges and who otherwise meet the selection criteria. This year's conference will be held September 27 – 30, 2015 in Miami Beach at the Fontainebleau Miami Beach. To view this year's conference agenda, go to <http://www.ncbjmeeting.org>.

**The submission period for applications is May 4, 2015 to July 1, 2015.** The deadline for submitting applications is July 1, 2015. The application and supporting documents must be sent via e-mail to: **[Kathy\\_Surratt-States@moeb.uscourts.gov](mailto:Kathy_Surratt-States@moeb.uscourts.gov)**.