

PRESS RELEASE

Baker Donelson Attorney Destiney Parker-Thompson Selected as National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges Blackshear Presidential Fellow

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Destiney Parker-Thompson of the national law firm Baker Donelson has been selected by the National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges (NCBJ) as a Blackshear Presidential Fellow for 2024.

Named in recognition of the Honorable Cornelius Blackshear of the U.S. Bankruptcy Court, the Blackshear Presidential Fellowship provides a stipend for up to five minority attorneys to attend its annual meeting each year. Recipients are selected based on their legal excellence in the practice of bankruptcy law; a serious commitment to principles of civility, ethics, and professionalism; and commitment to the continued educational development of bankruptcy professionals and to professional activities that will benefit the public, members of the bar, and the court system.

Baker Donelson's Chief Diversity and Inclusion Officer Mark A. Baugh said, "This fellowship recognizes Destiney's professional accomplishments and the potential she has demonstrated to continue to distinguish herself as highly respected member of the bankruptcy bar. We're exceptionally proud of her receiving this well-deserved honor."

Ms. Parker-Thompson represents financial services companies, lenders, and individuals in restructuring and insolvency matters, including collections and repossessions, loan workouts, and creditors' rights issues. She previously clerked for the Honorable Craig T. Goldblatt on the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware and for the Honorable Tamika Montgomery-Reeves on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit. After graduating from the Norman Adrian Wiggins School of Law at Campbell University, she represented clients in consumer and business bankruptcy proceedings across North Carolina. Prior to attending law school, she worked in various industries, including retail, gaming, and hospitality. Ms. Parker Thompson is a member of the Carolinas Network of the International Women's Insolvency & Restructuring Confederation.

The mission of the [NCBJ](#) is to promote the interests of United States Bankruptcy Judges generally; to utilize expertise on issues of bankruptcy law and procedure to improve the administration of the bankruptcy system; to foster scholarship, collegiality and diversity among members of the bankruptcy bench and bar; and to provide opportunities for education and networking for bankruptcy judges and the bankruptcy community at large.