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Lewis M. Killian, Jr. is a member of Berger Singerman's Business Reorganization Team. He has successfully completed certification to become a Circuit Civil mediator in Florida, as well as the American Bankruptcy Institute 40 hour bankruptcy mediation training program.

For more than 25 years, Lewis served as the Chief Bankruptcy Judge of the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Florida. A resident of Tallahassee, he was first appointed by the Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals as U.S. Bankruptcy Judge for the District on September 22, 1986, and on September 22, 2000, he was reappointed for a second term. During his time on the Bench, Lewis had been the sole Bankruptcy Judge in the Northern District which had required him to regularly travel to hold hearings in each of the four divisions: Gainesville, Tallahassee, Panama City, and Pensacola.

Prior to his judicial appointment, Lewis served for 10 years as an officer in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam conflict, including a tour in Viet Nam, where he received several military awards and decorations. He retired from the Army Reserve with the rank of Lieutenant Colonel, JAGC.

Education

J.D., *with honors*, Florida State University College of Law, 1976

U.S. Military Academy at West Point, 1969

Bar Admissions

Florida (inactive)

Practice Teams

Business Reorganization

Practice Areas

Bankruptcy/Restructuring