

The Honorable Patricia Barksdale was sworn-in as a United States Magistrate Judge in 2013. Judge Barksdale received her B.A. from the University of Florida, where she was awarded the Outstanding Female Leader for the Class of 1993 and was inducted in the University of Florida Hall of Fame, the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Hall of Fame, and Florida Blue Key. She also received her J.D. from the University of Florida, where she served as Senior Research Editor for the Florida Law Review, was awarded the Joseph J. Gersten Key Award for Outstanding Law School Achievements, was a member of the Order of Coif, and graduated second in her class.



After law school, Judge Barksdale clerked for the Honorable Emmett Cox, United States Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit, and later for the Honorable Timothy Corrigan, United States District Court for the Middle District of Florida. She worked in private practice at a national law firm and as in-house counsel for a large corporation before serving as an Assistant United States Attorney in the Middle District of Florida.

Judge Barksdale is the Chair of the University of Florida Law Center Association Board of Trustees and serves on the national Case Management Modernization Board. She is the past President of the Jacksonville Chapter of the Federal Bar Association, the past Chairman of the Florida Bar's Federal Court Practice Committee, and the past president of the Chester Bedell American Inn of Court. By appointment of Chief Justice John Roberts, she also served as the Magistrate Judge Observer to the United States Judicial Conference.