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BANKRUPTCY JUDGE POSITION
DISTRICT OF MAINE

BOSTON (September 30, 2014) Chief Judge Sandra Lynch of the United States Court of Appeals for the First Circuit has announced the formation of a Bankruptcy Merit Selection Panel to screen and review the qualifications of applicants for the vacant bankruptcy judgeship in Bangor, Maine. The successful candidate will fill the vacancy created by the retirement of the Honorable Louis H. Kornreich who has served as the bankruptcy judge in Bangor since 2001.

Under the statute providing for the appointment of bankruptcy judges, 28 U.S.C. § 152, the courts of appeals, assisted by the circuit councils, have the duty of filling vacancies on the bankruptcy court in each circuit. The Merit Selection Panel will recommend to the circuit council individuals whose character, experience, and commitment to equal justice under the law fully qualify them to serve as United States Bankruptcy Judges. Bankruptcy Judges are appointed to fourteen year terms by the Court of Appeals.

Circuit Judge William J. Kayatta, Jr. of the United States Court of Appeals for the First Circuit will chair the Panel. Other members include: Judge Kermit V. Lipez, United States Court of Appeals for the First Circuit; Judge Nancy Torresen, United States District Court for the District of Maine; George Kurr, Jr., Esq., Gross, Minsky & Mogul, Bangor, Maine; Darcie Beaudin, Esq., Skelton, Taintor & Abbott, Auburn, Maine; and Alec Leddy, Clerk, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, District of Maine. Susan Goldberg, Acting Circuit Executive, will serve as Panel Secretary. Chief Judge Lynch expressed her appreciation to these attorneys for assisting the Court in this important matter.

The Court is seeking attorneys with demonstrated excellence in the practice of bankruptcy law and/or commercial litigation. Interested applicants may obtain an application from the Circuit Executive's Office, from the Bankruptcy Court Clerk for the District of Maine, or by accessing the Court of Appeals' website at www.ca1.uscourts.gov. Persons interested in applying for this position should submit seven (7) copies of their applications to: Susan J. Goldberg, Acting Circuit Executive, Office of the Circuit Executive, John Joseph Moakley U.S. Courthouse, 1 Courthouse Way, Suite 3700, Boston, MA 02210. Applications are to be postmarked by Friday, November 14, 2014.

Pursuant to Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, applicants will be reviewed without discrimination as to race, color, sex, religion, or national origin. Applicants should be admitted to practice in at least one state court and should be members in good standing of every bar to which they belong. Applicants should possess and have a reputation for integrity and good character and be of sound physical and mental health. Applicants must possess and have demonstrated a commitment to equal justice under law. Applicants must also possess and have demonstrated outstanding legal ability and competence as evidenced by substantial legal experience, ability to deal with complex legal problems, aptitude for legal scholarship and writing, and familiarity with courts and court processes. Applicants must also possess demeanor, character, and personality to indicate that they would exhibit judicial temperament if appointed to the position of United States Bankruptcy Judge. The term of office is fourteen years and the current salary is $183,172.

Pursuant to Section 120 of the Bankruptcy Amendments and Federal Judgeship Act of 1984, the Judicial Council of the First Circuit will make recommendations to the United States Court of Appeals, which will make the appointment.