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Court of Appeals Appoints New Bankruptcy Judge for the District of Idaho

SAN FRANCISCO — Chief Judge Sidney R. Thomas of the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit has announced the appointment of Boise attorney Joseph M. Meier as a judge of the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the District of Idaho.

Mr. Meier will serve a 14-year term, beginning March 23, 2018. He succeeds Bankruptcy Judge Jim D. Pappas, who will be completing his 28th year of service to the District of Idaho bankruptcy court.

“Joe Meier is well respected by both the bench and bar in Idaho and beyond. We are extremely pleased to welcome such an experienced bankruptcy practitioner to the federal bench,” Chief Judge Thomas said.

Mr. Meier, 59, has been a partner with the Boise, Idaho law firm of Cosho Humphrey, LLP since 1985. He has practiced in the areas of bankruptcy, commercial, real property and business law and has represented creditors, debtors, committees and trustees in chapters 7, 11, 12 and 13 proceedings. He has also represented lenders and borrowers in complex loan restructures and commercial litigation.

Active in local, state and federal bar activities, Mr. Meier was director of the Commercial and Bankruptcy Law Section of the Idaho State Bar from 1995 to 2001 and has been a frequent speaker and moderator on bankruptcy issues at events sponsored by the state bar. He was a Ninth Circuit lawyer representative for the District of Idaho from 2002 to 2005 and sat on the circuit’s Lawyer Representative Coordinating Committee from 2006 to 2008, serving as chair from 2007 to 2008.

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In 2017, the Idaho State Bar gave Mr. Meier the Professionalism Award. He was selected as an American College of Bankruptcy fellow in 2005 and has been recognized in Rocky Mountain States Super Lawyers and Best Lawyers since 2004.

Born in Baltimore, Maryland, Mr. Meier received his B.A. in 1981 from the University of Oregon and his J.D. in 1984 from Willamette University School of Law, where he was a staff member of the Willamette Law Review. He has been admitted to practice law in Oregon and Idaho.

The U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the District of Idaho received 3,771 bankruptcy filings in fiscal year 2017. The court is authorized two bankruptcy judges.

Judges of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit have statutory responsibility for selecting and appointing bankruptcy judges in the nine western states that comprise the Ninth Circuit. The court uses a comprehensive merit selection process for the initial appointment and for reappointments. Bankruptcy judges serve a 14-year, renewable term and handle all bankruptcy-related matters under the Bankruptcy Code.

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