



ANNOUNCEMENT OF RETIREMENT

U.S. BANKRUPTCY JUDGE COLLEEN A. BROWN

The United States Courts for the District of Vermont announces that the Honorable Colleen A. Brown will retire from the bench on February 2, 2022. Judge Brown has served as the bankruptcy judge in Vermont since April of 2000. In addition to her caseload, Judge Brown has served on the First Circuit Appellate Panel, on the Bankruptcy Judges Advisory Group, as chair of the District of Vermont Federal-State Council, and as chair of several committees of the National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges. Prior to her appointment, Judge Brown was a partner in the law firm of Lawrence, Werner, Kesselring, Swartout & Brown in Rochester, New York, where her practice focused on representing both debtors and creditors in bankruptcy matters, and had also clerked for Chief Judge Beryl McGuire, and served as the Assistant U.S. Trustee, in the Western District of New York. The District of Vermont is extremely grateful for Judge Brown's 21 years of distinguished and dedicated service to the courts and the people of Vermont.

The Second Circuit Court of Appeals has begun the process of selecting a new bankruptcy judge. The Second Circuit uses an open and competitive selection process. All applications are screened by a Merit Selection Committee. The Merit Selection Committee will select a limited number of applicants for interview and will conduct appropriate due diligence inquiries into the candidates' backgrounds and qualifications. Upon a majority vote of the Second Circuit Judicial Council, the Council will forward the Merit Selection Committee's Report with any recommendations or comments to the active judges of the Court of Appeals for the selection of an appointee. Further information concerning the process will soon be available on the courts' websites at www.ca2.uscourts.gov, www.vtd.uscourts.gov and www.vtb.uscourts.gov.