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PRESS RELEASE

BANKRUPTCY JUDGE POSITION

BOSTON (May 22, 2012) — Chief Judge Sandra Lynch of the United States Court of Appeals for the First Circuit announced today the formation of a Bankruptcy Merit Selection Panel to screen and review the qualifications of applicants for a bankruptcy judgeship in the District of New Hampshire. The successful candidate will fill the vacancy created by the anticipated 2013 retirement of the Honorable J. Michael Deasy, who has served as a bankruptcy judge in Manchester since 1999.

Under the statute providing for the appointment of bankruptcy judges, the courts of appeals, assisted by the circuit councils, have the duty of filing vacancies on the bankruptcy court in each circuit. 28 U.S.C. § 152. 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.

Judge Jeffrey R. Howard of the United States Court of Appeals for the First Circuit will chair the Panel. Other members include: Chief Judge Joseph N. Laplante, United States District Court for the District of New Hampshire; Eleanor Wm. Dahar, Dahar Law Firm; Emily Gray Rice, Orr & Reno, P.A.; Daniel W. Sklar, Nixon Peabody LLP; Peter N. Tamposi, The Tamposi Law Group; and

Gary Wente, Circuit Executive. Deputy Circuit Executive Susan J. Goldberg will serve as Panel Secretary.

Chief Judge Lynch expressed her appreciation to all of the panel members for assisting the court in this important matter.

Attorneys with demonstrated excellence in the practice of bankruptcy law and/or commercial litigation are encouraged to apply. Interested applicants may obtain an application from the Circuit Executive's Office, from the Bankruptcy Court Clerk for the District of New Hampshire, or by accessing the Court of Appeals' website at www.ca1.uscourts.gov. Persons interested in applying for this position should send their applications to: Susan J. Goldberg, Deputy Circuit Executive, Office of the Circuit Executive, John Joseph Moakley U.S. Courthouse, 1 Courthouse Way, Suite 3700, Boston, MA 02210.

In making the appointment, 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 14 years and the current salary is \$160,080.

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. Applications are to be received by Monday, July 9, 2012.