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### **PRESS RELEASE**

#### **CHRISTOPHER J. PANOS IS SELECTED FOR THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT IN WORCESTER, MASSACHUSETTS**

BOSTON (June 8, 2015)—Chief Judge Sandra L. Lynch of the United States Court of Appeals for the First Circuit announced today that Christopher J. Panos has been selected to fill the upcoming vacancy in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Massachusetts created by Judge William C. Hillman's retirement and Chief Judge Hoffman's relocation to Boston. Attorney Panos will be appointed to the bankruptcy bench in the summer of 2015, upon FBI clearance. He will sit in Worcester, Massachusetts.

Attorney Panos received his Juris Doctor from Boston University School of Law in 1989, where he graduated *cum laude*, after earning a Bachelor of Arts from Georgetown University. Attorney Panos is currently the Partner-in-Charge at Partridge Snow & Hahn LLP's Boston office, where he has a diverse practice that focuses on commercial litigation, bankruptcy, restructuring, general business law and mergers and acquisitions. His client base is wide-ranging

and includes individuals, lenders, borrowers, banks, private equity funds and other business entities. Attorney Panos was the Managing Shareholder of Craig and Macauley P.C. in Boston, before the attorneys at that firm joined Partridge Snow & Hahn LLP in 2014 to become its Boston office. In 2008, Attorney Panos was elected as a Fellow of the American College of Bankruptcy, which is the nation's largest financial supporter of *pro bono* legal service programs related to bankruptcy and insolvency matters, and has been a member of the College's First Circuit Council since 2011. Attorney Panos is also an active member of the Boston Bar Association, Boston Bar Foundation and the American Bankruptcy Institute.

Chief Judge Lynch stated that “the Court is pleased to welcome such a highly accomplished and talented attorney to join the Bankruptcy Court in Worcester. The bankruptcy courts play a critical role in the federal system and we believe that Attorney Panos will be a valuable addition to the Bankruptcy Court for the District of Massachusetts.” Chief Judge Lynch also thanked Judge Hillman for his many years of distinguished service.

Chief Judge Lynch likewise expressed her sincere appreciation to the members of the Bankruptcy Merit Selection Panel, which was chaired by First Circuit Court of Appeals Judge Norman H. Stahl. The members of the Panel were First Circuit Court of Appeals Judge David J. Barron, District of Massachusetts Judge Timothy S. Hillman, Richard A. Sheils, Jr., Esq., of Bowditch & Dewey, LLP, Janet E. Bostwick, Esq., of Janet E. Bostwick, P.C, and Susan J. Goldberg, Circuit Executive.