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## **U.S. Bankruptcy Judge Roger L. Efremsky of Northern District of California Reappointed**

**SAN FRANCISCO** – Judges of the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit have approved the reappointment of U.S. Bankruptcy Judge Roger L. Efremsky of the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of California. He will begin his second 14-year term on August 1, 2020.

Judge Efremsky who maintains chambers in Oakland, has served on the bankruptcy court for the Northern District since 2006. Prior to his appointment, Judge Efremsky practiced bankruptcy law for more than 20 years. He began his legal career as an associate at a small law firm then opened the law firm of Efremsky and Nagel in 1990 in Pleasanton, California, where he specialized in representing creditors in federal bankruptcy and state court proceedings.

Born in Castro Valley, California, Judge Efremsky earned his bachelor's degree in 1978 from Menlo College in Atherton, California, where he graduated magna cum laude. In 1979, he received a Rotary International Graduate Fellowship Scholarship to attend a one-year program at the University of Cape Town in South Africa. Judge Efremsky earned his juris doctorate from Santa Clara University School of Law in 1983.

Judge Efremsky is a member of the Ninth Circuit's Alternative Dispute Resolution Committee and the circuit's Public Information and Community Outreach (PICO) Committee. Before joining the bench, he served on numerous local rules committees of the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of California and served as a member of the Attorney Advisory Committee for the Office of the Clerk of the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of California.

The U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of California, which is authorized 9 bankruptcy judges, reported 8,086 new filings in 2019.

Bankruptcy judges serve a 14-year renewable term and handle all bankruptcy-related matters under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code. 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. For reappointments, the court conducts a performance review and considers public comment evaluations.

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