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Peter Chaffin McKittrick Appointed Judge of U.S. Bankruptcy Court in Oregon

SAN FRANCISCO — Chief Judge Sidney R. Thomas of the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit announced today the appointment of Portland attorney Peter Chaffin McKittrick to the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the District of Oregon.

Mr. McKittrick will fill a vacancy resulting from the retirement of Bankruptcy Judge Elizabeth L. Perris, who will step down January 11, 2015. Mr. McKittrick will receive the oath of office from Judge Perris during a ceremony on January 12, 2015, at the U.S. Bankruptcy Court in Portland. A formal investiture will be held at a later date.

“Mr. McKittrick has an excellent reputation with the bench and bar,” Chief Judge Thomas said of the appointment. “He is highly regarded for his bankruptcy expertise and experience, which includes representation of both creditors and debtors and work as a trustee.”

Mr. McKittrick, 55, has been a partner with the Portland law firm of McKittrick Leonard LLP since 2012 and has worked as a bankruptcy trustee in his own firm, McKittrick, Inc., since 2005. He previously had a long association with the law firm of Farleigh Wada Witt PC, working as an associate from 1986 to 1991, a shareholder from 1991 to 2005, and of counsel from 2005 to 2012.

Mr. McKittrick has served as a panel trustee for all types of Chapter 7 cases, including large converted cases, corporate cases, converted Chapter 13 cases, and consumer cases. He serves as an appointed receiver, examiner, or trustee in federal and state court actions involving investment fraud cases, real estate management, corporate/shareholder, and

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contract assignee/fiduciary disputes. He also represents corporate clients in ongoing corporate matters, Chapter 7 and 11 trustees, creditors and creditor committees in Chapter 11 cases, and businesses in out-of-court workouts and liquidations and in Chapter 11 proceedings.

Born in St. Louis, Missouri, Mr. McKittrick received his B.S. from Lewis & Clark College in 1981 and his J.D. from Willamette University College of Law, graduating cum laude in 1985. During law school, he worked as a teaching assistant for first-year legal research and writing and as a research assistant to a professor, and was recognized with a High Paper Award in real estate law.

Mr. McKittrick has been a member of the Oregon State Bar Debtor-Creditor Section since 1986 and served on its executive committee from 1995 to 2000. He served as an adjunct professor at Lewis & Clark Law School in 2009, teaching bankruptcy and debtor-creditor law to second- and third-year law students. He is an ABI Board-Certified Business Bankruptcy Specialist since 2001 and was recognized as one of the “Top 50 Lawyers in Oregon” from 2009 to 2013.

The U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the District of Oregon received 12,660 new filings in fiscal year 2014. The court is authorized five bankruptcy judges.

Bankruptcy judges serve a renewable 14-year 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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