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**Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals Appoints New
Bankruptcy Judge for District of Nevada**

SAN FRANCISCO — Natalie M. Cox has been appointed as the next judge of the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Nevada. Her 14-year term began, January 27, 2020, following her oath of office administered by Chief Bankruptcy Judge Bruce T. Beesley. Judge Cox will maintain chambers in Las Vegas. Her appointment was made by the judges of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit.

Prior to her appointment, Judge Cox had served as an assistant U.S. trustee in the Office of the U.S. Trustee in Nashville, Tennessee, since April 2019, when she was promoted to the position. She oversaw Chapter 7 and 11 cases, and supervised Chapter 7 trustees since transferring to Nashville in 2017. Prior to being promoted to that position, Judge Cox was a trial attorney since 2015 in the Office of the U.S. Trustee's field office in Wilmington, Delaware, where she oversaw and litigated Chapter 11 cases. Previously, she engaged in private practice in Las Vegas as an associate then partner at Kolesar & Leatham, Chtd., from 2006 to 2008 and from 2008 to 2015, respectively, and as an associate at Jolley, Urga, Wirth, Woodbury & Standish from 2001 to 2005.

Originally from Kodiak, Alaska, Judge Cox attended Austin Peay State University in Clarksville, Tennessee, on a full basketball scholarship, graduating with a bachelor's degree, summa cum laude, in 1997. She received her juris doctorate, cum laude, from the University of Nevada, William S. Boyd School of Law, in 2001.

The U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the District of Nevada received 9,962 bankruptcy filings in fiscal year 2019 ending September 30. The court is authorized three permanent and one temporary bankruptcy judgeships.

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 and for reappointments. Bankruptcy judges serve a 14-year renewable term and handle all bankruptcy-related matters under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code.

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