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Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals Appoints New Bankruptcy Judge for District of Idaho

SAN FRANCISCO — Judges of the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit have appointed Noah G. Hillen as the next bankruptcy judge on the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the District of Idaho. His 14-year term will begin on August 31, 2020, when he takes his oath of office which will be administered by Chief Bankruptcy Judge Joseph Meier of the District of Idaho. Mr. Hillen will maintain chambers in Boise.

Mr. Hillen, 38, engaged in private practice as a Chapter 7 trustee and attorney in Boise since 2014, primarily in bankruptcy and commercial law. Previously, he worked as an associate attorney from 2010 to 2013 at Moffatt, Thomas, Barrett, Rock & Fields Chtd. in Boise. From 2009 to 2010, Mr. Hillen was an associate attorney at Hall, Farley, Oberrecht, and Blanton P.A., in Boise.

Mr. Hillen received his Bachelor of Arts from the College of Idaho and his juris doctorate from the University of Idaho College of Law. Following law school, Mr. Hillen clerked at Idaho's Fourth Judicial District Court for Judge Joel D. Horton, who was then elevated to the Idaho Supreme Court, where Mr. Hillen continued his clerkship with Justice Horton until 2009.

The U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the District of Idaho received 3,665 bankruptcy filings in 2019. The court is authorized two permanent 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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