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

SAN FRANCISCO — Judges of the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit have appointed Teresa H. Pearson as the next bankruptcy judge on the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the District of Oregon. Her 14-year term will begin on Oct. 4, 2021, when Chief Bankruptcy Judge Thomas M. Renn administers her oath of office. She will succeed the Honorable Trish M. Brown who will retire on Oct. 2, 2021. Pearson will maintain chambers in Portland.

Pearson has been a partner at Miller, Nash, Graham & Dunn LLP (formerly known as Miller Nash LLP) since 2005 and was an associate at the firm from 2001 to 2004. Her practice focused primarily on insolvency, reorganization and creditor's rights. She represented lenders, trade creditors, creditors' committees, trustees, receivers, debtors, and other clients in all forums where debtor-creditor issues appear out of bankruptcy court, state and federal trial courts. Her practice covered civil litigation and business transactional work. In civil litigation, Pearson managed cases from initial pleading through discovery, motion practice and trial. For business transaction, Pearson negotiated and documented sales of tangible and intangible personal property and real property, loans and settlements.

Pearson received a Bachelor of Arts in political science, Phi Beta Kappa, from the University of California, Berkeley, in 1992 and a Juris Doctor, with honors, from Duke University School of Law in 1995.

The U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the District of Oregon received 6,636 bankruptcy filings in calendar year 2020 ending December 31. The court is authorized five 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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