

**Invitation for Public Comment**  
**on the Reappointment of U.S. Bankruptcy Judge Mark D. Houle**

The current term of the Honorable Mark D. Houle, U.S. Bankruptcy Judge for the Central District of California, is due to expire in February 2026. The U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit is considering the reappointment of Judge Houle to a new 14-year term of office. The Court invites comments from the bar and public about Judge Houle's performance as a bankruptcy judge. The duties of a bankruptcy judge are specified by statute, and include conducting hearings and trials, making final determinations, and entering orders and judgments.

Members of the bar and public are invited to submit comments concerning Judge Houle for consideration by the Court of Appeals in determining whether or not to reappoint him. Anonymous responses will not be accepted. However, respondents who do not wish to have their identities disclosed should so indicate in the response, and such requests will be honored.

Comments should be submitted no later than **Thursday, November 21, 2024**, to the following address:



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