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## **9th Circuit US Court of Appeals Reappoints Bankruptcy Judge Timothy W. Dore**

SAN FRANCISCO — Judges of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 9th Circuit have reappointed Bankruptcy Judge Timothy W. Dore, U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Western District of Washington, to a second 14-year term effective April 4, 2025.

Judge Dore was first appointed to the bankruptcy court in 2011. Previously, he was in private practice from 1987 to 2011 at Ryan, Swanson & Cleveland in Seattle, where he was chair of the firm's Bankruptcy and Creditors' Rights Group from 2000 to 2011. His practice included both Chapter 7 and Chapter 11 proceedings.

A Seattle native, Judge Dore received his Bachelor of Arts, magna cum laude, from Seattle University in 1983 and his Juris Doctor, with honors, from the University of Washington School of Law in 1987.

The U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Western District of Washington reported 6,372 bankruptcy filings in calendar year 2024. The court is authorized five judgeships.

Bankruptcy judges serve a 14-year renewable term and handle all bankruptcy-related matters under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code. Judges of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 9th Circuit have statutory responsibility for selecting and appointing bankruptcy judges in the nine western states that comprise the 9th 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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