

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA

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Media Advisory

Brian F. Kenney Appointed Bankruptcy Judge

August 23, 2011 – Brian F. Kenney has been appointed the second bankruptcy judge in the Alexandria Division of the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of Virginia. Judge Kenney will fill the vacancy created by the retirement of the Honorable Stephen S. Mitchell. Judge Mitchell was appointed to the Court in 1994, and will retire from the bench effective August 31, 2011. Judge Kenney's appointment, effective September 1, 2011, was ordered by Chief Judge William B. Traxler of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit, for and upon vote by the court. A formal investiture ceremony open to the public will be scheduled and held at a later date.

Judge Kenney was a principal in the Tysons Corner office of Miles & Stockbridge, P.C., a 200-plus attorney firm with offices in Maryland, Virginia, and the District of Columbia. He represented creditors, debtors, and bankruptcy trustees in the Eastern District of Virginia, and elsewhere, since becoming a member of the Virginia State Bar in 1983. Judge Kenney also was certified as a business bankruptcy specialist by the American Board of Certification. He has served two terms as President of the Northern Virginia Bankruptcy Bar Association, and most recently has been serving on the Board of Directors. Further, Judge Kenney had served two terms on the Virginia State Bar Board of Governors for the Bankruptcy Section of the State Bar. In addition, Judge Kenney had served as an Alexandria Division representative on the Standing Committee on Local Bankruptcy Rules for the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of Virginia. Until his appointment, Judge Kenney served as a representative on the Eastern District of Virginia's Alexandria Division Bankruptcy Bar Liaison Committee.

Judge Kenney is from Fredericksburg, Virginia. He graduated in 1980 from Virginia Commonwealth University, *magna cum laude*, with a degree in political science. Judge Kenney graduated from the University of Virginia School of Law in 1983.

A frequent lecturer on bankruptcy matters, Judge Kenney has served on continuing legal education panels for the American Bankruptcy Institute, the Virginia State Bar, and the Mid-Atlantic Institute on Bankruptcy and Reorganization. He has published articles in the ABI Bankruptcy Journal, as well as in the Law News for the Virginia State Bar Bankruptcy Section.

Judge Kenney has been named as one of Virginia's "Legal Elite" by Virginia Business Magazine from 2006, through and including 2010.

The U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit is based in Richmond, Virginia, and appoints bankruptcy judges within the Circuit to serve for 14-year terms

The Eastern District of Virginia is comprised of 16 cities and 43 counties. The Bankruptcy Court hears cases in Alexandria, Newport News, Norfolk, and Richmond.

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