

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA

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**Media Advisory**

**Brian F. Kenney named Bankruptcy Judge**

*April 12, 2011* – Brian F. Kenney has been named a judge in the Alexandria Division of the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of Virginia to 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.

Mr. Kenney is expected to take the bench in the fall of 2011. He currently is 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. Mr. Kenney has 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. He is certified as a business bankruptcy specialist by the American Board of Certification. Mr. Kenney has served two terms as President of the Northern Virginia Bankruptcy Bar Association, for which he continues to serve on the Board of Directors. He also has served two terms on the Virginia State Bar Board of Governors for the Bankruptcy Section of the State Bar. In addition, Mr. Kenney has 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. He currently is serving as a representative on the Eastern District of Virginia's Alexandria Division Bankruptcy Bar Liaison Committee.

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

A frequent lecturer on bankruptcy matters, Mr. 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.

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

Bankruptcy judges are appointed by the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit, which is based in Richmond, Virginia, and serve for a 14-year term.

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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