

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA
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Media Advisory

Keith L. Phillips named Bankruptcy Judge

April 25, 2013 – Keith L. Phillips has been named a judge in the Richmond Division of the U. S. Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of Virginia to fill the vacancy created by the retirement of the Honorable Douglas O. Tice, Jr. Judge Tice was appointed to the Court in September 1987 and will retire from the bench effective June 30, 2013.

Mr. Phillips is expected to take the bench in the fall of 2013. He currently is a principal of the law firm of Phillips & Fleckenstein, PC located in Richmond, Virginia. He has represented debtors, creditors, creditors' committees and trustees in all Chapters under the Bankruptcy Code. He has also served as a mediator in bankruptcy related disputes, as a Chapter 7 trustee on the Richmond, Virginia, panel for approximately 27 years, and as a Chapter 11 trustee, liquidation trustee and state court receiver.

Mr. Phillips is from Richmond, Virginia. He graduated from The College of William & Mary, with a degree in Biology in 1976. He graduated from the University of Richmond Law School in 1979, where he was a member and editor of the Law Review and a member of the McNeil Law Society. After law school he served as a law clerk to the Honorable Walter E. Hoffman of the U.S. District Court in Norfolk, Virginia.

Mr. Phillips has been a frequent lecturer on bankruptcy matters for various Bar organizations and has served as a representative on the Eastern District of Virginia's Richmond Division Bankruptcy Bar Liaison Committee. He has been a permanent member of the Fourth Circuit Judicial Conference since 1985 and has held multiple positions with the Virginia Bar Association and Richmond Bar Association.

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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