

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA

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**Media Advisory**

**Keith L. Phillips Appointed Bankruptcy Judge**

*August 26, 2013* – Keith L. Phillips has been appointed the second bankruptcy judge in the Richmond Division of the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of Virginia. Judge Phillips will fill the vacancy created by the retirement of the Douglas O. Tice Jr. Judge Tice was appointed to the Court in 1987, and retired from the bench on June 30, 2013, and is continuing to serve with the Court for a recalled judge term of six months. Judge Phillips' appointment was made by Chief Circuit Judge William B. Traxler, and he was sworn in on August 26, 2013. The oath of office was administered by Eastern District of Virginia U.S. District Judge Henry E. Hudson, at Richmond, Virginia. A more formal investiture ceremony open to the public will be scheduled and held at a later date.

Judge Phillips was a principal of the law firm of Phillips & Fleckenstein, PC, located in Richmond, Virginia. He represented debtors, creditors, creditors' committees and trustees in all Chapters under the Bankruptcy Code. He also had 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.

Judge Phillips is from Richmond, Virginia. He graduated from The College of William & Mary, with a degree in Biology, in 1976. Judge Phillips 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, Judge Phillips served as a law clerk to the Honorable Walter E. Hoffman of the U.S. District Court, in Norfolk, Virginia.

Judge Phillips has been a frequent lecturer on bankruptcy matters for various Bar organizations and had 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.

If you have questions about this media advisory, please contact William Redden, the Clerk of Court, at 804-916-2490 or [William.Redden@vaeb.uscourts.gov](mailto:William.Redden@vaeb.uscourts.gov).