

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA

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Media Advisory

Klinette H. Kindred Appointed Bankruptcy Judge

January 24, 2017 – Klinette H. Kindred has been appointed the second bankruptcy 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 Robert G. Mayer. Judge Mayer was appointed to the Court on October 15, 1999, and retired from the bench on January 4, 2017. Judge Kindred's appointment was made by Chief Judge Roger L. Gregory of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit. The oath of office was administered by Eastern District of Virginia District Judge Leonie M. Brinkema, at Alexandria, Virginia. A more formal investiture ceremony will be scheduled and held at a later date.

Since 2012, Judge Kindred was a partner with the law firm of Tyler, Bartl, Ramsdell and Counts, PLC, located in Alexandria, Virginia. Previously, she was a consumer bankruptcy attorney at the Law Offices of Robert R. Weed where she represented thousands of northern Virginia debtors in Chapter 7, 11 and 13 cases from 1997 to 2011. Judge Kindred also had served as a Chapter 7 panel trustee for the past six years.

Judge Kindred grew up in Norfolk, Virginia. She graduated as valedictorian from Virginia State University with a degree in History, in 1975. Judge Kindred graduated from the University of Virginia School of Law in 1978. She was a Reginald Herber Smith Fellow and served at the Legal Aid Justice Center, formerly known as the Charlottesville-Albemarle Legal Aid Society, in 1978-1979.

Judge Kindred has been a lecturer on bankruptcy matters for various Bar organizations and has served as a representative on the Eastern District of Virginia's Alexandria Division Bankruptcy Bar Liaison Committee.

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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