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To: Chief District and Bankruptcy Judges, Ninth Circuit
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Re: Bankruptcy Judgeship Recruitment – District of Oregon, Portland Division

Enclosed is the announcement for the recruitment of one bankruptcy judge for the District of Oregon. The position will become available on October 3, 2021, following the retirement of Chief Bankruptcy Judge Trish Brown. The announcement will be publicized locally and nationally. We would appreciate your assistance in distributing this information to anyone who may be interested in this position.

The announcement, application form (revised 07/20), and application instructions are available through the circuit's public website (www.ca9.uscourts.gov), and on the Ninth Circuit Bankruptcy Judge Application System (judgeship.ce9.uscourts.gov).

Thank you for your assistance with our recruitment efforts.

Sincerely,

/s/

Rob Leung
Operations Specialist

Enclosures

cc: Hon. Mary Murguia, Chair, Court Council Committee-Bankruptcy Judge Appointments
Hon. Susan Graber, Northern Administrative Unit Judge
Michele Reed, Staff, Committee on Administration of Bankruptcy System
Daniel Isaacs-Smith, Senior Attorney
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United States Courts for the Ninth Circuit

Bankruptcy Judgeship Opportunity

District of Oregon – Portland

The Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit invites applications from highly qualified candidates for the position of Bankruptcy Judge for the District of Oregon. This position will be available on or after October 2, 2021, however, the selection process may take up to 18 months to complete. The official duty station for this position is in Portland, OR.

The term of office is 14 years with a possible renewal appointment subject to reappointment procedures. The current salary is \$199,088 per annum. Relocation expenses are not reimbursable.

The Court of Appeals uses an open and competitive selection process. All applications are screened by a Merit Screening Committee, which selects a limited number of applicants for interview and contacts their references. From the initial group of interviewees, selected applicants will be referred for further interview by a Judicial Council committee, which then submits a recommendation of nomination to the Court of Appeals. The selected nominee will be required to satisfy FBI and IRS background investigations prior to appointment as well as comply with the financial disclosure requirements pursuant to the Ethics in Government Act of 1978, Pub. L. No. 95-521, 92 Stat. 1824 (1978) (codified as amended at 5 U.S.C. app. § 101-111).

Basic qualifications for consideration include: (1) admission to practice before the highest court of at least one state, the District of Columbia, or the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico; (2) membership in good standing in every bar in which membership is held; and (3) at least five years of legal practice experience (certain other legal experience may be substituted). Applicants are considered without regard to race, sex or gender (including pregnancy, gender identity, gender expression, marital status, and parenthood), color, creed, national origin, citizenship, ancestry, age, disability, religion, sexual orientation, genetic information, or past, current, or prospective service in the uniformed forces, in addition to any other status or characteristic protected under applicable federal law.

Application forms and more information may be obtained by contacting the address and/or telephone/fax numbers listed below. The Ninth Circuit Bankruptcy Judge Application may also be downloaded from our website at www.ca9.uscourts.gov. *Applicants are advised to allow for sufficient time to complete and submit the application.* **One completed and signed original must be sent to the Office of the Circuit Executive. One scanned version of the completed application must be uploaded to the Ninth Circuit Bankruptcy Judge Application System (<https://judgeship.ce9.uscourts.gov>).** Applicants must submit their own applications in the format required by the Ninth Circuit. Applications must be received by 5 p.m., Thursday, October 22, 2020.

To be considered, letters of reference (though optional) must be submitted with the original application and must be uploaded with the scanned application.

Application forms may also be obtained by contacting:

Office of the Circuit Executive
95 Seventh Street, Suite 429
San Francisco, CA 94103-1518
Attn: Bankruptcy Recruitment, OR

Personnel@ce9.uscourts.gov
judgeship.ce9.uscourts.gov

Deadline for receipt of all completed application materials:
Thursday, October 22, 2020, 5 p.m.

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