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From: Teresa L. Deppner, Clerk of Court

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Content: Selection of New Bankruptcy Judge for the Southern District of West Virginia

The Southern District of West Virginia is proud to announce that the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals has selected Frank Volk as the next Bankruptcy Judge for the District. Current Bankruptcy Judge Ron Pearson had announced his retirement effective October 8, 2015, after thirty-two years of distinguished service.

On behalf of the Southern District of West Virginia, Chief Judge Robert C. Chambers said that “Frank Volk is an accomplished legal scholar, professor of law, and senior law clerk with a deep knowledge of bankruptcy law and a keen appreciation of the important role served by bankruptcy court judges. We know his intellect, temperament, and skill will shine brightly in his new role as Judge of the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of West Virginia.” The appointment process will take several months, but the District expects no interruption of the Bankruptcy Court’s continuing operation.

Chief Judge Chambers continued, “The District Judges also publically thank retiring Judge Pearson for his service. Judge Pearson has presided over thousands of cases, protecting the rights of West Virginians during times of challenging financial issues and efficiently handling extremely complex proceedings affecting many businesses and communities in our state. He is sure to remain active in the civic fabric of West Virginia.”