

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
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CHAMBERS OF
RONALD G. PEARSON
JUDGE

January 28, 2015

To: Bankruptcy Bar and Public
Re: Forthcoming Retirement

To the Bankruptcy Bar and Public,

My current term of office ends on October 8, 2015.

To give all interested practitioners ample notice of the opportunity to consider submitting an application for appointment to this position, I have notified William B. Traxler, Jr., Chief Judge of the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals and the District Court Judges for the Southern District of West Virginia, that I will not seek reappointment at the conclusion of my current term of service. During my tenure, the high quality and standard of practice maintained by attorneys in this District has made my job rewarding and enjoyable. As such, it is my hope that many of the outstanding bankruptcy lawyers in this District will consider the opportunity they have to seek appointment to this rewarding position.

I have asked Matt Hayes, the Clerk of Court, to post on the Court's website the Fourth Circuit's notice of the opportunity to apply for consideration to become the new bankruptcy judge and all future notices and information from the Fourth Circuit about this. To whoever the successful applicant may be, I pledge my sincere and complete cooperation to achieve the best possible transition of all responsibilities of this Office.

It has been an extraordinary privilege for me to serve in this capacity over many years. I am fortunate to have had the outstanding assistance of employees of the Bankruptcy Clerk's Office. Their commitment of service to the public and Bar during my tenure is something in which I take pride.

I wish to thank the Judges of the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals and the District Court Judges for this District, for the confidence and extraordinary opportunity they have provided me to serve in this capacity. It has been my pleasure and honor to have served the public, Bar and all parties who have appeared before me during my time on the bench.

Sincerely,

Ronald G. Pearson