

BANKRUPTCY BUGLE



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NINTH CIRCUIT COURT OF APPEALS APPOINTS NEW BANKRUPTCY JUDGE FOR DISTRICT OF NEVADA

Natalie M. Cox has been appointed as the next judge of the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Nevada. Her 14-year term began, January 27, 2020, following her oath of office administered by Chief Bankruptcy Judge Bruce T. Beesley. Judge Cox will maintain chambers in Las Vegas. Her appointment was made by the judges of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit.

Prior to her appointment, Judge Cox had served as an assistant U.S. trustee in the Office of the U.S. Trustee in Nashville, Tennessee, since April 2019, when she was promoted to the position. She oversaw Chapter 7 and 11 cases, and supervised Chapter 7 trustees since transferring to Nashville in 2017. Prior to being promoted to that position, Judge Cox was a trial attorney since 2015 in the Office of the U.S. Trustee’s field office in Wilmington, Delaware, where she oversaw and litigated Chapter 11 cases. Previously, she engaged in private practice in Las Vegas as an associate then partner at Kolesar & Leatham, Chtd., from 2006 to 2008 and from 2008 to 2015, respectively, and as an associate at Jolley, Urga, Wirth, Woodbury & Standish from 2001 to 2005.

Originally from Kodiak, Alaska, Judge Cox attended Austin Peay State University in Clarksville, Tennessee, on a full basketball scholarship, graduating with a bachelor’s degree, summa cum laude, in 1997. She received her juris doctorate, cum laude, from the University of Nevada, William S. Boyd School of Law, in 2001.

The U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the District of Nevada received 9,962 bankruptcy filings in fiscal year 2019 ending September 30. The court is authorized three permanent and one temporary bankruptcy judgeships.

Judges of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit have statutory responsibility for selecting and appointing bankruptcy judges in the nine western states that comprise the Ninth Circuit. The court uses a comprehensive merit selection process for the initial appointment and for reappointments. Bankruptcy judges serve a 14-year renewable term and handle all bankruptcy-related matters under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code.



NEW!

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDERS 2020-01 AND 2020-02

The Bankruptcy Court has implemented two new [Administrative Orders](#). Administrative Order 2020-01 adopts the interim bankruptcy rules related to the Small Business Reorganization Act of 2019 drafted by the Advisory Committee on Bankruptcy Rules.

Administrative Order 2020-02 also relates to the Small Business Reorganization Act of 2019. For cases filed under subchapter v of chapter 11, all proofs of claim must be filed no later than 70 days after the order of relief.

U.S. DISTRICT COURT CONFERENCE—SAVE THE DATE

The 2020 US District Conference will be held in Reno on Tuesday, May 19, 2020, at the Joe Crowley Student Union on the Campus of the University of Nevada, Reno.

This year's theme is *Hindsight and Vision*, celebrating the Centennial of the Nineteenth Amendment. Other topics will include a Supreme Court Review, the Dark Web Explained, Privacy Rights and the Internet, Substance Abuse, and the traditional breakout sessions. The annual reception and dinner of the Federal Bar Association will immediately follow the conclusion of the Conference.

Registration materials will be disseminated in the near future, but feel free to contact Denise Cope at 702-464-5456 at the US District Court Clerk's Office if you have any immediate questions.



CHAT

The Nevada Bankruptcy Court has implemented a CHAT service for the public.

The CHAT Help Desk answers questions online Monday—Friday during regular court hours. In addition, phone calls to the Help Desk at 866-232-1266 will still be answered.

Access to CHAT can be found at the court website's home page:

www.nvb.uscourts.gov

COURTHOUSE HOURS

C. Clifton Young Federal Building and U.S. Courthouse Hours and Foley Federal Building and U.S. Courthouse Hours are:

7:30 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.

Bankruptcy Court Intake Hours are:

9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.

Excluding Weekends and Federal Holidays.

SUMMONS IN ADVERSARY PROCEEDINGS

The court will now electronically issue a summons for electronic filers or “e-filers” when the case is filed. Previously, e-filers had to request a summons before the clerk’s office would issue it. The clerk will continue to issue a paper summons for those attorneys or parties who are not e-filers. The summons will contain the date and time of the initial Scheduling Conference.

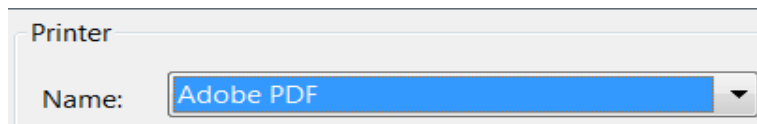
FLATTENING ADOBE FILL-IN FORMS

Forms in Adobe should be “flattened” prior to uploading to CM/ECF. This process will make the fields on the form where you enter data permanent; anyone viewing the document will not be able to modify your information. To flatten the form, take the following steps:

1. Once you have completed inputting data on the form, click the Print button located at the bottom of the page, or select File and then Print.



2. In the Printer Name field, choose Adobe PDF and click OK or Print.



3. When prompted, enter a name for your new completed PDF and click Save.

BANKRUPTCY COURT CONTACT NUMBERS

LAS VEGAS CLERK’S OFFICE: (702) 527-7000

RENO CLERK’S OFFICE: (775) 326-2100

Frequently called numbers, e-mail addresses, and live on-line chat is available on the court’s website under Court Information:

<https://www.nvb.uscourts.gov/about-the-court/contact-information/>

