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New Judge Appointed to U.S. Bankruptcy Court for Nevada

SAN FRANCISCO — Chief Judge Alex Kozinski of the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit announced today the appointment of August B. Landis to serve as a judge of the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the District of Nevada.

Mr. Landis, 50, is currently the acting U.S. trustee for Region 17, which encompasses the District of Nevada and the Eastern and Northern districts of California.

“We are very pleased to welcome Mr. Landis to the bankruptcy bench in Nevada. He brings considerable knowledge and experience, both as a trustee and practitioner, to his new position,” Judge Kozinski said.

Mr. Landis will fill a judgeship left vacant by the retirement of Judge Linda B. Riegle, who continues to serve the court as a recalled judge. Scheduled to take the oath of office on November 27, 2013, he will maintain chambers in Las Vegas.

Mr. Landis has served in the U.S. Trustee Program of the U.S. Department of Justice since 2005 and has been the acting U.S. trustee for Region 17 since 2010. He is responsible for the management, operational performance, and legal positions advanced by the regional office located in San Francisco and six field offices located in Las Vegas, Reno, Oakland, San Jose, Sacramento and Fresno.

Prior to his government service, Mr. Landis engaged in private practice as an associate attorney at Whitfield & Eddy, P.L.C., in Des Moines, Iowa, from 1990 to 1995, and as a member attorney from 1996 to 2005. He handled commercial and bankruptcy litigation from case inception through resolution by arbitration, mediation, settlement or trial. Mr. Landis also worked as an associate at Neiman, Neiman, Stone & Spellman, P.C., in Des

Moines, from 1987 to 1989, representing debtors, creditors, and as a Chapter 7 panel trustee in contested matters and adversary proceedings.

A native of Springfield, Illinois, Mr. Landis received his B.S. degree in business administration from Drake University in 1984 and his J.D. in 1987 from Drake Law School, where he served as a staff member of the Drake Law Review. While in law school, he received American Jurisprudence awards for excellence in torts in 1984 and conflicts of law in 1987.

The U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the District of Nevada received 14,483 filings in fiscal year 2013. The court is authorized four bankruptcy judges.

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, at a salary of \$160,080, and handle all bankruptcy-related matters under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code.

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