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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF NEVADA**

***IN RE: ESTABLISHMENT OF A 5-YEAR
MAXIMUM SERVICE TERM FOR CHIEF
BANKRUPTCY JUDGES IN THE UNITED
STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE
DISTRICT OF NEVADA***

GENERAL ORDER 2024-05

As of the date of this Administrative Order, there are four authorized bankruptcy judgeships in the District of Nevada. Three of the authorized judgeships are permanent. One of the authorized judgeships is temporary. The lapse date for the existing temporary judgeship in Nevada is October 26, 2027.

By statute, the initial term of service for a bankruptcy judge is 14 years. The two most recent General Orders appointing a Chief Bankruptcy Judge to serve the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Nevada provide that the relevant appointment was "for a term not to exceed seven (7) years." But if two bankruptcy judges serve full seven-year terms as Chief Bankruptcy Judge in the District of Nevada, the judge holding the third permanent judgeship on Nevada's bankruptcy bench will not be afforded the opportunity to serve a full term as Chief Judge unless their employment is extended beyond the initial 14-year term.

Fixing the term of service as Nevada's Chief Bankruptcy Judge at a maximum of five years as opposed to seven years will help to ensure that all bankruptcy judges appointed to serve the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Nevada on a permanent basis are afforded the opportunity to serve a meaningful term as Chief

1 Bankruptcy Judge. All judges on the bankruptcy bench in the District of Nevada agree
2 that is a fair, reasonable, and laudable goal.

3 It is therefore ordered that, effective March 31, 2025, the maximum term of
4 service for Chief Bankruptcy Judges in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the
5 District of Nevada will not exceed five years, absent further order of the Court.

6 DATED THIS 9th Day of August 2024.

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11 MIRANDA M. DU, CHIEF JUDGE
12 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
13 DISTRICT OF NEVADA
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