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UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY JUDGE FRANK J. BAILEY TO RETIRE

The United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Massachusetts announces that Judge Frank J. Bailey has informed the United States Court of Appeals for the First Circuit of his intention to retire, effective June 1, 2022. Immediately following his retirement, Judge Bailey will commence service as the President of PioneerLegal LLC, a non-profit, public interest law firm. PioneerLegal is an affiliate of the Pioneer Institute for Public Policy Research.

Judge Bailey joined the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Massachusetts in 2009 and served as Chief Judge from 2010 to 2014. During his tenure, he presided over numerous significant cases, including the Chapter 9 municipal adjustment case of Central Falls, Rhode Island, the Chapter 11 case of the Charles Street African Methodist Episcopal Church, the Chapter 7 liquidation of Building 19 retail stores, and proceedings involving David Drumm, former senior officer of Anglo Irish Bank. Judge Bailey has served as adjunct faculty at Boston University School of Law, New England Law Boston, and Suffolk University Law School. In addition, he has provided legal and judicial education to students, lawyers, and judges in several countries, including Argentina, Russia, Uzbekistan, Kazakhstan, Ukraine, and Bulgaria.

Judge Bailey served as the President of the National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges, as the Judicial Member at Large on the Board of the American Bar Association, as Chair of the National Conference of Federal Trial Judges, as a member of the Executive Committee of the American Bar Association, and as a member of the Massachusetts delegation to the American Bar Association House of Delegates.

Judge Bailey has testified before Congress on matters of importance to the federal judiciary, including on bankruptcy venue reform and diversity, equity, and inclusion in the national judiciary.

Judge Bailey graduated from the Georgetown University School of Foreign Service with a B.S.F.S. with honors in Economics. He received his J.D. from Suffolk University Law School, also with honors, after which he served as judicial law clerk to Justice Herbert Putnam Wilkins of the Supreme Judicial Court of Massachusetts.

Until his retirement date, Judge Bailey will remain active with his cases.