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**JUDGE S. MARTIN TEEL, JR., REAPPOINTED TO THE  
UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**

The United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit reappointed S. Martin Teel, Jr., as the United States Bankruptcy Judge for the District of Columbia pursuant to the Regulations of the Judicial Conference of the United States for the Selection, Appointment, and Reappointment of United States Bankruptcy Judges.

Judge Teel was first appointed to the Bankruptcy Court on February 8, 1988. His reappointment to a third term will be effective February 8, 2016. Judge Teel is the only judge on the Bankruptcy Court.

Under Judge Teel's leadership, the Bankruptcy Court opened a Bankruptcy Assistance Center in September 2013. The Center, staffed by volunteer attorneys, provides free legal advice to pro se filers. This highly successful program has guided many pro se filers through the complexities of bankruptcy law and has ensured filings are complete, correct, and proper when filed with the court.

Judge Teel received a B.A. from the University of Virginia and a J.D. from the University of Virginia School of Law. After law school, he clerked for Judge Roger Robb of the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit. He then served as an attorney in the Tax Division of the United States Department of Justice until his appointment to the court.

The United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit has statutory responsibility for reappointing bankruptcy judges in the circuit. Bankruptcy judges serve a 14-year renewable term and handle all bankruptcy-related matters under the United States Bankruptcy Code.

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