

PUBLIC NOTICE
APPOINTMENT OF U.S. BANKRUPTCY JUDGE
With duty station at Detroit, Michigan

The United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit seeks applications from highly qualified candidates for a fourteen-year appointment as United States Bankruptcy Judge for the Northern District of Iowa. The position will have its duty station in Detroit, Michigan pursuant to the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for the Bankruptcy Judge Vacancy Pilot Program. A copy of this MOU is available for review at the link listed below, along with the application form.

The basic jurisdiction of a United States Bankruptcy Judge is specified in Titles 11 and 28, United States Code, and amendments thereto. To be qualified for appointment, an applicant must:

- (1) Be a member in good standing of the bar of the highest court of at least one state, the District of Columbia, or the commonwealth of Puerto Rico, and a member in good standing of any other bar in which the applicant is a member.
- (2) Have been engaged in the active practice of law for a period of at least five years (some substitutions authorized);
- (3) Possess, and have a reputation for, integrity and good character; possess, and have demonstrated, a commitment to equal justice under the law; possess, and have demonstrated, outstanding legal ability and competence; be of sound mental and physical health sufficient to perform the essential duties of the office; and indicate by demeanor, character, and personality that the applicant would exhibit judicial temperament if appointed; and
- (4) Not be related by blood or marriage to a judge of the Eighth or Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals, to a member of the Eighth or Sixth Circuit Judicial Council, or to a judge of the district courts to be served, within the degrees specified in 28 U.S.C. § 458, at the time of the initial appointment.

The Eighth Circuit, in close coordination with the Sixth Circuit, will appoint a Merit Selection Panel to screen applicants and provide a detailed written report, in confidence, recommending not less than five but no more than ten candidates deemed to be most qualified to serve as a bankruptcy judge based on character, experience, ability, and commitment to equal justice under the law. The Panel's recommendations will be considered by an Intercircuit Selection Committee (ISC) comprised by four members from each circuit. The ISC will interview the recommended candidates and prepare a confidential report to the Sixth and Eighth Circuit Courts of Appeals ranking the three candidates deemed to be most qualified for appointment. The Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals will consider the report and upon its approval, the Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals will select a bankruptcy judge from the recommended candidates approved by the Sixth Circuit. Appointment follows an FBI and IRS investigation of the candidate chosen by the Court of Appeals. The current annual salary is \$185,012. Applicants shall be considered without regard to race, color, age, gender, religion, national origin or disability.

The application form and Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) may be obtained online at: www.ca6.uscourts.gov. Applications should be submitted only by the applicant personally and should indicate the applicant's willingness to serve if selected. Applications should be submitted to Clarence Maddox, Circuit Executive, 503 Potter Stewart U.S. Courthouse, 100 East Fifth Street, Cincinnati, Ohio 45202, and must be received by the close of business **August 20, 2015**. Questions about the position or the process should be directed to Clarence Maddox. Applications will not be accepted by email or fax. The U.S. Courts are equal opportunity employers. We appreciate the interest of all candidates; however, only those selected for an interview will be contacted.