

## **Press Release**

### **Chief Bankruptcy Judge Jim D. Pappas Reappointed to Second 14-year Term**

The United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit has announced that Chief United States Bankruptcy Judge for the District of Idaho, Jim D. Pappas, has been reappointed to a second, 14-year term commencing in 2004.

Chief Judge Pappas, 51, maintains his primary chambers in Boise, but also conducts court in Pocatello and Twin Falls. He is one of two full-time Federal bankruptcy judges for Idaho. As chief judge, Pappas is responsible for the court's processing of the more than 9,000 bankruptcy cases filed each year in Idaho. In addition, over the years, Chief Judge Pappas has been assigned to preside over bankruptcy cases throughout the western United States both as a trial and appellate judge.

Chief Judge Pappas was first appointed to the bench in 1990. He was elevated to chief judge in 1993. He graduated from Idaho State University, and obtained his law degree from the University of Idaho. Prior to becoming a judge, Chief Judge Pappas was in private practice in Pocatello where he specialized in all aspects of commercial and bankruptcy/reorganization law. He was one of the founders and later served as Chair of the Bankruptcy and Commercial Law Section of the Idaho State Bar Association.

Chief Judge Pappas has served as the Chair of the Ninth Circuit Conference of Bankruptcy Judges, a position known as "Chief of the Chiefs", and as a member of the Ninth Circuit Judicial Council. He is currently a member of the National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges, the American Bankruptcy Institute, and the Executive Board of the Portneuf Chapter, American Inns of Court. He is also the Associate Editor of The American Bankruptcy Law Journal. He was recently appointed by Chief Justice William Rehnquist to serve on the Federal Judicial Center's Bankruptcy Education Committee. Pappas has written and lectured extensively on bankruptcy law.

Chief Judge Pappas played a major role in the design and construction of the new Federal Courthouse in Pocatello, which opened in 1999. The project, which took six years to complete, yielded one of the most user-friendly, highly-automated and secure Federal judicial facilities in the United States.

Chief Judge Pappas and his wife Julie, have two adult children, Matthew, who is an attorney in Pocatello, and Staci, a teacher in Meridian.