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Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals Reappoints Bankruptcy Judge Deborah J. Saltzman to Central District of California

SAN FRANCISCO — Judges of the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit have reappointed U.S. Bankruptcy Judge Deborah J. Saltzman, of the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Central District of California, to a second 14-year term effective March 18.

Judge Saltzman maintains chambers in Los Angeles and was appointed to the Central District bankruptcy bench in 2010. She has served in the Central District's Riverside, Los Angeles, San Fernando Valley and Northern divisions. Before her appointment, Judge Saltzman was a corporate restructuring attorney in Los Angeles, spending most of her career with O'Melveny & Myers, LLP.

A native of Buffalo, New York, Judge Saltzman received her Bachelor of Arts, Phi Beta Kappa, from Amherst College in 1991 and her Juris Doctor from the University of Virginia, School of Law, in 1996.

Since joining the bankruptcy court, Judge Saltzman has served on the Ninth Circuit Wellness Committee and Bankruptcy Judges Education Committee, and participates in training of the bankruptcy court's law clerks and externs.

The U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Central District of California, the largest bankruptcy court in the nation, reported 21,048 bankruptcy filings in calendar year 2023. The court is authorized 21 judgeships.

Bankruptcy judges serve a 14-year renewable term and handle all bankruptcy-related matters under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code. Judges of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit have statutory responsibility for selecting and appointing bankruptcy judges in the nine western states that comprise the Ninth Circuit. The court uses a comprehensive merit selection process for the initial appointment. For reappointments, the court conducts a performance review and considers public comment evaluations.

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