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PRESS RELEASE

BANKRUPTCY JUDGE DIANE FINKLE NEW CHIEF JUDGE OF THE BANKRUPTCY APPELLATE PANEL

BOSTON (April 18, 2023) — Chief Judge David J. Barron, of the First Circuit Court of Appeals, announced today that United States Bankruptcy Judge Diane Finkle, of the District of Rhode Island, will assume the duties of Chief Judge of the Bankruptcy Appellate Panel (BAP) for a four-year term, on May 17, 2023.

Judge Finkle replaces United States Bankruptcy Judge Edward A. Godoy, of the District of Puerto Rico, who has served as the Chief Judge of the BAP since May 2019. Judge Finkle's term will commence upon the expiration of Judge Godoy's term as BAP Chief Judge. Judge Finkle was appointed to the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Rhode Island for a 14-year term in 2012.

The BAP, established by the Court of Appeals in 1996, consists of bankruptcy judges from all five of the districts encompassed by the First Circuit (Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Puerto Rico, and Rhode Island), who sit in panels of three to hear appeals directly

from the bankruptcy courts of these districts. The Chief Judge of the BAP is responsible for its administrative oversight.