

United States Bankruptcy Court
for The District of Maryland

JAMES F. SCHNEIDER
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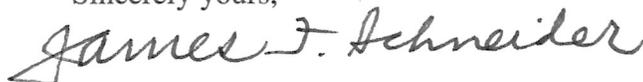
The Honorable William B. Traxler, Jr.
Chief Judge
United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit
Clement F. Haynsworth Federal Building
300 East Washington Street, Room 222
Greenville, South Carolina 29603

Dear Chief Judge Traxler:

The purpose of this letter is to advise you of my intention to retire from my position as Judge of the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Maryland, effective February 8, 2017. My decision to retire is actuated by the prospect of this District losing one of our bankruptcy judgeships next year in light of the failure of Congress to extend the life of our three temporary judgeships. It has taken many years of hard work to achieve the present complement of seven judges and there will be dire consequences to our citizens and the administration of justice when that number is reduced to four. It is my hope and expectation that by the effective date of my retirement, my successor will have been selected and be prepared to pick up the reins where I have left off. I have shared this letter with Chief U.S. District Judge Catherine C. Blake and Chief U.S. Bankruptcy Judge Nancy V. Alquist and they concur in and support my request on the timing of my retirement.

I have been honored to serve in this position since February 1, 1982, and I wish to thank you and the other distinguished Judges of the United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit for your continued support and confidence. I have enjoyed the challenges and the satisfaction that comes from dealing with difficult legal issues in a humane and compassionate court. I will miss all this and my dear colleagues but the ability of this Court to administer equal justice must predominate over my own personal interests.

Sincerely yours,



James F. Schneider

cc: Samuel W. Phillips, Esquire
Chief Judge Catherine C. Blake
Chief Judge Nancy V. Alquist