

IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF MARYLAND

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In re:	
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INDIVIDUALS RECOGNIZED FOR	Miscellaneous Proceeding No.
DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE COURT	* 15-90000
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RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION OF SERVICE
THE HONORABLE E. STEPHEN DERBY

For over 31 years, the Honorable E. Stephen Derby has served with distinction as a judge of the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Maryland. A graduate of Wesleyan University and Harvard Law School, Judge Derby clerked for the Honorable Harrison L. Winter the year Judge Winter was elevated from the United States District Court to the United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit. Judge Derby joined the venerable Baltimore law firm of Piper & Marbury in 1966, took a leave of absence from 1971 to 1973 to work as a Maryland Assistant Attorney General for Francis B. "Bill" Burch, and returned to Piper & Marbury in 1973.

On December 9, 1987, Judge Derby was sworn in as a United States Bankruptcy Judge in a public ceremony. On December 9, 2001, he was reappointed to a second 14-year term. On January 30, 2004, he "retired" from full-time active status so a judicial vacancy could be created that was ultimately filled by the undersigned judge. Judge Derby was immediately recalled on February 2, 2004, and from 2004 through 2006 he continued full-time administration of cases in Baltimore, serving as Chief Judge in 2005. Beginning in late 2006, Judge Derby heard cases at the Federal Courthouse in Salisbury, Maryland, making the Court more accessible to the citizens of Maryland's Eastern Shore. On February 18, 2019, he retired as an active judge.

Judge Derby served the court during some of its busiest years and authored many important decisions including in the cases of *In re Merry-Go-Round Enterprises, Inc.*; *In re Printing Dimensions, Inc.*; *In re Woodscape Limited Partnership*; *In re Naron & Wagner, Chartered*; and *In re Sherwood Square Associates*. He not only ably administered a docket containing some of the largest and most complex Chapter 11 cases ever filed in the District of Maryland, he devoted the same care, wisdom and compassion to the far more numerous cases involving individuals and small businesses.

Judge Derby was legendary for meticulously scrutinizing and editing each proposed order. It is reported that the bar even bet on which attorney could get an order signed by Judge Derby without edits. Not only was Judge Derby an outstanding jurist, he also served as an inspirational mentor to his many law clerks over the years, treating them to his invaluable insights as well as important fellowship that included many sailing trips and polka dancing at Blob's Park.

In recognition of Judge Derby's many years of service to this Court and the citizens of Maryland, the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Maryland, by and through its Chief Judge, does hereby adopt the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Maryland hereby expresses its deep appreciation for the dedicated and outstanding public service performed by Judge Derby and extends to him its best wishes for a happy and joyous retirement.

WITNESS on this 28th day of March 2019, the signatures of the Chief Judge and Clerk of Court for the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Maryland.



Nancy V. Alquist

NANCY V. ALQUIST, CHIEF JUDGE

Mark A. Neal

MARK A. NEAL, CLERK OF COURT