

IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF MARYLAND

In re:

INDIVIDUALS RECOGNIZED FOR
DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE COURT

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* Miscellaneous Proceeding No.

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15-90000

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**RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION OF SERVICE
THE HONORABLE WENDELIN I. LIPP**

The Honorable Wendelin I. Lipp served with distinction as a Judge of the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Maryland for over thirteen years. Judge Lipp was appointed as Bankruptcy Judge on April 3, 2006, and she ably served the Court as its Chief Judge from June 1, 2019, to November 22, 2019. Judge Lipp passed away while still an active member of our Court's bench on November 26, 2019, after a long and heroic battle with a severe illness.

Judge Lipp was a native of Montgomery County, Maryland. She graduated from the University of Maryland, College Park, with honors in 1974 and the University of Baltimore School of Law in 1978. Prior to joining the bench, she was a partner in the firm of Paley, Rothman, Goldstein, Rosenberg, Eig & Cooper where she headed the firm's bankruptcy and creditor's rights group. As an attorney, she practiced regularly in the bankruptcy courts of Maryland, Virginia, and the District of Columbia. Judge Lipp was elected President of the Bankruptcy Bar Association for the District of Maryland for the 2003-2004 term, and she was board certified in business bankruptcy by the American Board of Certification. She also served as a Chapter 7 panel trustee in the Greenbelt Division for three years.

Judge Lipp is remembered by all as being kind, compassionate, generous, loyal, energetic, witty, and thoughtful. These traits made her a remarkable person and an outstanding jurist. She always displayed tremendous respect and patience for all of those who appeared before her. She never lost sight of the hardships facing debtors and the fear that many debtors had in filing for bankruptcy and appearing in court. She worked hard to make the process as unintimidating as possible for those appearing in her courtroom, whether it was by going to extra lengths to explain procedures and her rulings, or even by sharing a personal anecdote to make the litigants feel more comfortable.

Judge Lipp rendered numerous noteworthy decisions during her tenure, with perhaps *In re Davis* and *In re Alvarez* being the most often cited. She presided over numerous Chapter 11 reorganizations and took particular pride in the successful reorganizations of Barwood, Inc. and D.C. Development, LLC, which included Wisp Resort.

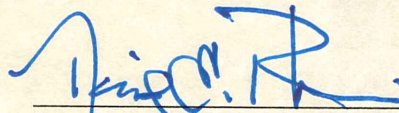
Notwithstanding the significant physical challenges Judge Lipp faced during her last months, she pressed on in her service to the Court, undaunted, with spirits high. Her pride in the Court was palpable. Her work ethic, bravery, and tenacity were awe-inspiring to everyone at the Court and beyond.

In memory of Judge Lipp, 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 pays tribute to the memory of the late Judge Wendelin I. Lipp and to her dedicated public service to the administration of justice in the District of Maryland, her many contributions to the legal profession in the State of Maryland, and her patriotic service to the United States of America.

WITNESS on this 17th day of December 2024, the signatures of the Chief Judge and Clerk of Court for the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Maryland.





DAVID E. RICE, CHIEF JUDGE



MARK A. NEAL, CLERK OF COURT