

IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF MARYLAND

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

The Honorable Paul Mannes, for 34 years United States Bankruptcy Judge for the District of Maryland, died on January 20, 2016, at the age of 82. He served longer than any other Bankruptcy Judge in Maryland history and at his death was the longest-serving Federal Judicial Officer in active service in the District.

After serving as law clerk in 1958 to U.S. District Judge Alexander Holtzoff, working from 1959-60 as Assistant Corporate Counsel to the District of Columbia, and practicing law for 21 years with several firms, concluding with the firm of Mannes, Meyers, Nadonley, Townsend & O'Brien, on December 30, 1981, Paul Mannes took the oath as United States Bankruptcy Judge for the District of Maryland.

Judge Mannes enjoyed a national reputation in the bankruptcy community as one of America's foremost judges, proving to be efficient and expeditious in signing orders and deciding cases. In his 34 year judicial career, he issued 155 published opinions that span over 500 volumes of the Bankruptcy Reporter, and another 360 unpublished opinions, including decisions in major cases such as Dart Drug Stores, Inc., W. Bell & Co., Dominic Antonelli, National Energy & Gas Transmission, Inc. and Atlantic Manufacturing Corp.


Judge Mannes was honored to interpret the Bankruptcy Code, and introduced a unique and memorable addition to courtroom procedure at Chapter 11 confirmation hearings. When a plan of reorganization was confirmed, having weathered the storms and shoals of what is often a lengthy and difficult process, Judge Mannes rang a ship's bell on the bench to signal a course change for a debtor in possession now bound for success

Judge Mannes' home-style demeanor was known far and wide, and evidenced in the dinners Judge Mannes and Karen Mannes hosted for every new class of newly-appointed bankruptcy judges who attended the judge's introductory seminar in Washington, D.C. Over 31 years these dinners became a virtual institution that endeared Karen and Judge Mannes to judges from all over the country and enhanced the collegiality of the American Bankruptcy Bench.

In recognition of Judge Mannes' many years of service to the Federal Government, 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 Paul Mannes and profound sadness at his passing.

WITNESS the signature of the Chief Judge and Clerk of Court for the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Maryland.



NANCY V. ALQUIST, CHIEF JUDGE

July 25, 2016
DATE



MARK A. NEAL, CLERK OF COURT

