

**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 JAMES F. SCHNEIDER**

The Honorable James F. Schneider served with distinction as a Judge of the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Maryland for 35 years. Judge Schneider was appointed as Bankruptcy Judge on February 1, 1982, and he served the Court as its Chief Judge from November 2, 2001, to July 31, 2005. He retired on May 9, 2017, to create a vacancy for the appointment of a new judge and was immediately recalled to active judicial status on May 10, 2017. At the time of his retirement, Judge Schneider was the longest-serving federal or state judge in Maryland. Judge Schneider passed away while still an active member of our Court's bench on April 6, 2020, after a heroic battle with a severe illness.

Judge Schneider was a 1969 graduate of the University of Baltimore where he majored in history, and he was a member of the first day class at the University of Baltimore School of Law, graduating in 1972. He began his legal career clerking for Baltimore Supreme Bench Judge Albert Sklar. After his clerkship with Judge Sklar, Judge Schneider was an Assistant State's Attorney in the Baltimore City State's Attorney's Office from 1973 to 1978 and then he served as the General Equity Master for the Supreme Bench of Baltimore City from 1978 to 1982.

For more than 40 years, Judge Schneider served as historian and archivist of the Circuit Court for Baltimore City (formerly the Supreme Bench). Throughout his career Judge Schneider frequently lectured and wrote about Baltimore's legal history, and in 1984 co-founded the Baltimore Museum of Legal History in the Clarence M. Mitchell, Jr., Courthouse. In 2004, he served as the primary creator and editor of a magnificent publication that chronicled the history of the Bankruptcy Court during its first 25 years (1979-2004).

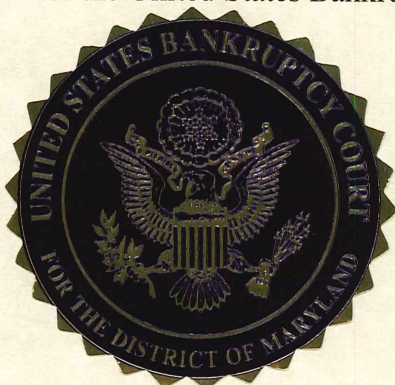
Judge Schneider invariably presided over every matter with genuine kindness and compassion. He loved the law, and that love grew from his appreciation for legal history and the precedent upon which our legal system is built. When considering a challenging legal issue, Judge Schneider sought first to understand the history behind the legal principles involved and then applied them to reach a fair and just result under the law.

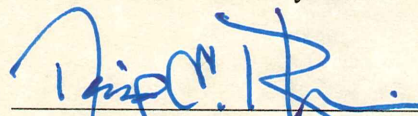
Judge Schneider ably handled many high-profile cases throughout his long service to the Court including *National City Bank of Minneapolis v. Lapidus (In re Transcolor Corp.)*; *In re Butcher*; and *In re Coastal Carriers Corp.* His legacy and the impact it continues to have on all aspects of our Court and its operations is immense. Two of his former law clerks are now members of the Court's bench including your undersigned and the Hon. Maria Ellena Chavez-Ruark.

In memory of Judge Schneider, the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Maryland, by and through its Chief Judge, does hereby adopt the following resolution:

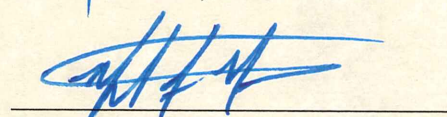
RESOLVED, that the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Maryland hereby pays tribute to the memory of the late Judge James F. Schneider and to his dedicated public service to the administration of justice in the District of Maryland, his many contributions to the legal profession in the State of Maryland, and his 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