

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 DUNCAN W. KEIR**

For almost 30 years, the Honorable Duncan W. Keir has served with distinction as a Judge for the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Maryland. Judge Keir’s long and dedicated service as a Judge of our court will come to end on April 13, 2023, when he retires from the Bench.

Before his lengthy judicial service, Judge Keir graduated from Gettysburg College and served honorably for four years as a United States Naval Officer. Judge Keir earned his Juris Doctor with honors in 1975 from the University of Maryland School of Law. Judge Keir joined the esteemed Baltimore law firm of Miles and Stockbridge in 1975 and served as the Chair of the firm’s creditors rights group for ten years beginning in 1981. From 1991 until his appointment to the Bench, Judge Keir was Deputy General Counsel and Senior Vice President in charge of the Office of Special Assets for Maryland National Bank and American Security Bank.

On November 12, 1993, Judge Keir was sworn in as a United States Bankruptcy Judge. On September 6, 2005, Judge Keir was designated as Chief Judge and he served with distinction in that important court leadership position for seven years. On November 12, 2007, he was reappointed to a second 14-year term. On March 31, 2011, Judge Keir “retired” from active status and was immediately recalled on April 1, 2011, to continue the administration of cases in both Baltimore and Salisbury. Upon the passing of the Honorable Paul Mannes in 2015, Judge Keir came to the District’s rescue on an emergency basis when he took over the administration of all of Judge Mannes’ open cases.

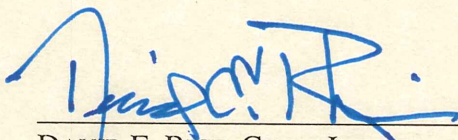
Judge Keir rendered many notable decisions during his time on the Bench, including in the cases of *In re Richman*; *In re Reese*; *In re Criimi Mae, Inc.*; and *Homeside Lending v. Denny (In re Denny)*, which is likely one of the most cited cases in this District. Judge Keir approached every hearing as a learning opportunity for those appearing before him. As the late Judge Mannes would often say, “Judge Keir is a law man.” Judge Keir’s command of the law, combined with his masterful application of the law to the facts of each case, kept attorneys on their toes. Without question, Judge Keir’s knowledge and his preparedness for every hearing improved the level of practice in his courtroom. Not only did attorneys benefit from Judge Keir’s expertise, but his law clerks also gained invaluable experience under his tutelage. Clerking for Judge Keir laid a foundation that enabled his law clerks to thrive in their future endeavors.

In recognition of Judge Keir’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:

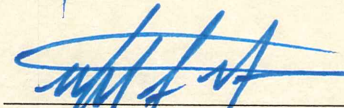
RESOLVED, that the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Maryland hereby expresses its deep appreciation for the dedicated and outstanding public service performed by Judge Keir and extends to him its best wishes for a happy and joyous retirement.

WITNESS on this 4th day of April 2023, 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