

**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT  
DISTRICT OF MARYLAND**

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NANCY V. ALQUIST  
CHIEF JUDGE**

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**PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT**

February 16, 2017

The United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Maryland has been advised by Samuel W. Phillips, Circuit Executive, that The United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit has selected

**MICHELLE M. HARNER, ESQUIRE,**

as

U.S. Bankruptcy Judge for the District of Maryland,

subject to the submission of background investigations by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Internal Revenue Service.

Judge-Designate Harner is the Francis King Carey Professor of Law and Director of the Business Law Program at the University of Maryland Francis King Carey School of Law in Baltimore where she teaches or has taught courses in Bankruptcy and Creditors' Rights, Business Associations, Business Planning, Corporate Finance and Professional Responsibility. Prior to joining the faculty at UM Carey Law School, where she also served as Associate Dean for Academic Programs, Judge-Designate Harner served on the faculty of the University of Nebraska College of Law and was twice voted "Professor of the Year." She is an elected Fellow in the American College of Bankruptcy, and an elected Member in the American Law Institute. She also was selected to serve as the Robert M. Zinman American Bankruptcy Institute Resident Scholar for the fall of 2015.

Judge-Designate Harner is a distinguished member of the bankruptcy community. She is widely published and lectures frequently on various topics involving corporate governance, financially distressed entities and related legal issues. Judge-Designate Harner's scholarship has been cited by numerous courts, including the United States Courts of Appeals for the First, Third, Fifth and Ninth Circuits and the United States District Courts for the Districts of Massachusetts and Nevada. Her recent research interests include shareholder and creditor activism and its impact on enterprise value; legislative responses to business failures and related implications for discrete industries; and the ethical implications of insolvency for directors, officers and other fiduciaries.

Judge-Designate Harner currently serves as the Associate Reporter to the Advisory Committee on the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure of the Judicial Conference of the United States. She also served as the Reporter to the ABI Commission to Study the Reform of Chapter 11, which issued its Final Report and Recommendations in December 2014. In March 2009 and April 2012, she received research grants from the ABI Endowment Fund to study the role of creditors' committees in chapter 11 business bankruptcies and potential reforms to chapter 11, respectively. In addition, she has served as a member of the Dodd-Frank Study Working Group for the Administrative Office of the United States Courts.

Judge-Designate Harner previously was in private practice in the business restructuring, insolvency, bankruptcy and related transactional fields, most recently as a partner at the Chicago office of the international law firm Jones Day. Before joining that firm in 1996, she served as law clerk to the Honorable William T. Bodoh of the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Ohio.

She is an honors graduate of Boston College and was the valedictorian of her class at the Moritz College of Law at The Ohio State University, where she served as the Executive Editor of the school's law journal.

Judge-Designate Harner will sit in the Bankruptcy Court's Baltimore Division. She will fill the vacancy created by the impending retirement of the Honorable James F. Schneider. The judges and the entire courthouse family congratulate Judge-Designate Harner on her appointment and look forward to welcoming her to the Court.