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## **David Walter Hercher Named Judge of the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for Oregon**

**SAN FRANCISCO** — Chief Judge Sidney R. Thomas of the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit announced today the appointment of Portland attorney David Walter Hercher to serve as a judge of the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the District of Oregon.

Mr. Hercher, who will maintain chambers in Portland, will fill a vacancy resulting from the retirement of Bankruptcy Judge Randall L. Dunn, who has served on the court since 1998.

“We are extremely pleased to welcome Mr. Hercher to the bench. We expect his considerable knowledge and experience will be of great benefit to the bankruptcy court in Oregon and to the Ninth Circuit,” Chief Judge Thomas said in announcing the appointment.

Mr. Hercher’s 14-year term will commence January 23, 2017, when he is scheduled to receive the oath of office in Portland. Chief Bankruptcy Judge Chief Judge Trish M. Brown of the District of Oregon will preside over the swearing-in ceremony. A formal investiture will follow at a later date.

Mr. Hercher, 61, has been with the Portland law firm of Miller Nash Graham & Dunn LLP since 1981 and became an equity partner in 1989. Active in community outreach, Mr. Hercher has been a volunteer speaker at high schools as part of the Credit-Abuse Resistance Education program, which educates high school students about the responsible use of credit. He currently serves on the Oregon Law Commission Receivership Work Group. He has been recognized as an Oregon Super Lawyer by Super Lawyer Magazine from 2006 to present.

Mr. Hercher has been a member of the Oregon State Bar Disciplinary Board since 2013; chair of the Oregon State Bar Section Local Bankruptcy Rules Committee, from 2010 to 2014; a member of the Oregon State Bar Debtor-Creditor Legislative Committee, from 2005 to 2011, serving as its chair from 2007 to 2009; and a member of the Oregon State Bar's Multnomah County Local Professional Responsibility Review Committee from 2006 to 2010 and served as its chair from 2008 to 2009.

Born in Medford, Oregon, Mr. Hercher received his bachelor's degree, with honors, from the University of Oregon in 1977 and his juris doctor in 1981 from the University of California, Berkeley School of Law, where he was managing editor of the Ecology Law Quarterly. He has been board certified in business bankruptcy law by the American Board of Certification since 1993.

The U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the District of Oregon received 9,488 filings in fiscal year 2016. The court is authorized five bankruptcy judges.

Bankruptcy judges serve a 14-year renewable term and handle all bankruptcy-related matters under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code. Judges of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit have statutory responsibility for selecting and appointing bankruptcy judges in the nine western states that comprise the Ninth Circuit. The court uses a comprehensive merit selection process for the initial appointment. For reappointments, the court conducts a performance review and solicits public comment.

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