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## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **BANKRUPTCY JUDGE WILLIAM C. HILLMAN NEW CHIEF JUDGE OF THE BANKRUPTCY APPELLATE PANEL**

BOSTON (June 12, 2012) — United States Bankruptcy Judge William C. Hillman, of the District of Massachusetts, assumed the duties of chief judge of the Bankruptcy Appellate Panel (BAP), on June 1, 2012, Chief Judge Sandra Lynch of the 1st Circuit Court of Appeals announced today.

Judge Hillman replaces U.S. Bankruptcy Judge Jim B. Haines, Jr., who has served as chief for the past 4 years.

The BAP, established by the Court of Appeals in 1996, consists of bankruptcy judges from all five of the districts encompassed by the 1st Circuit (Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Puerto Rico and Rhode Island), who sit in panels of three to hear appeals directly from the bankruptcy courts of the districts. The chief of the panel is responsible for its administrative oversight.

Judge Hillman was appointed to the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for a 14-year term in 1991 and was reappointed to a second term in 2005.

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