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PRESS RELEASE

BANKRUPTCY JUDGE EDWARD A. GODOY NEW CHIEF JUDGE OF THE BANKRUPTCY APPELLATE PANEL

BOSTON (March 15, 2019) — Chief Judge Jeffrey R. Howard, of the First Circuit Court of Appeals, announced today that United States Bankruptcy Judge Edward A. Godoy, of the District of Puerto Rico, will assume the duties of Chief Judge of the Bankruptcy Appellate Panel (BAP) for a four-year term, on May 17, 2019.

Judge Godoy replaces United States Bankruptcy Judge Joan N. Feeney, of the District of Massachusetts, who has served as the Chief Judge of the BAP since August 2015. Judge Godoy will be appointed upon Judge Feeney's retirement. Judge Godoy was appointed to the United States Bankruptcy Court for a 14-year term in 2011.

The BAP, established by the Court of Appeals in 1996, consists of bankruptcy judges from all five of the districts encompassed by the First 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 BAP is responsible for its administrative oversight.