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## **Court of Appeals Reappoints Bankruptcy Judge Ernest Robles to Central District of California**

SAN FRANCISCO — Chief Judge Mary M. Schroeder of the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit has announced the reappointment of federal Bankruptcy Judge Ernest M. Robles to the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Central District of California.

Judge Robles, 50, who maintains chambers in Los Angeles, was appointed to the Central District bankruptcy bench in 1993. His second 14-year term will take effect when his current term ends on June 11, 2007.

Judge Robles received his undergraduate degree from the University of California at Berkeley in 1978 and his J.D. from the University of Michigan Law in 1981. He was in private practice in Los Angeles and San Francisco until 1988, when he was named an assistant U.S. trustee in Northern California, supervising the San Jose office for five years before his appointment to the bench.

The U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Central District of California reported 41,929 bankruptcy filings in fiscal year 2006. The court has 24 bankruptcy judges and five divisional offices serving seven counties.

Judges of the United States 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 and for the reappointments. Bankruptcy judges serve a 14-year, renewable term, at a salary of \$151,984, and handle all bankruptcy-related matters under the Bankruptcy Code.

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