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CHIEF JUDGE MAUREEN A. TIGHE SUCCEEDS SHERI BLUEBOND AT PASSING OF THE GAVEL CEREMONY

On January 31, the change of Bankruptcy Court Chief Judge from Judge Sheri Bluebond to Judge Maureen A. Tighe was commemorated at the Passing of the Gavel ceremony in Pasadena. The ceremony took place at the Richard H. Chambers United States Court of Appeals. Over 260 people were in attendance to celebrate the occasion.

U.S. Marshal Singer opened court and led the pledge of allegiance. Chief Judge Tighe invited the group to join in a sing-along of "This Land is Your Land" by Woody Guthrie, led by her wife, Trish Nugent, and law clerk, Christian Torimino. Following Clerk of Court Kathleen J. Campbell's Call of the Calendar, Chief Judge Tighe welcomed the distinguished guests in attendance, including district court judges, magistrate judges, and bankruptcy judges. She remarked that keeping the Court open was an accomplishment in itself, following the recent government shutdown, drawing applause from the audience.



Circuit Judge Kim McLane Wardlaw began her remarks by mentioning her background as the chair of the committee for the Ninth Circuit that recommended Chief Judge Tighe as a bankruptcy judge. She discussed her own past work in the Central District as a district court judge and described the Passing of the Gavel ceremony as a celebration of the successful transition of leadership. She also provided a brief description of the Court of Appeals' merit-based judicial selection process.

Judge Scott C. Clarkson spoke about Judge Bluebond's tenure as chief judge—the text of his remarks follows this article—and Judge Sandra R. Klein spoke about Chief Judge Tighe's accomplished career in the Central District, which, she emphasized, is the largest and busiest district in the country. Judge Klein cited Jill Lepore's book *These Truths* on the importance of entrepreneurship in the history of the United States, which she tied to the bankruptcy system's role in fostering the American entrepreneurial spirit by abolishing debtors' prison. Judge Klein also charted Chief Judge Tighe's career as a federal prosecutor, in private practice, and at the Office of the U.S. Trustee. In addition, Judge Klein praised the "intellect, poise, and graciousness" evident throughout Chief Judge Tighe's career. In the U.S. Trustee's Office, as well as on the bench, Chief Judge Tighe has made a significant impact cracking down on fraudulent actors in the bankruptcy system, one of whom was imprisoned 71 months, Judge Klein said. Judge Klein recognized the impact of Chief Judge Tighe's clear message that abuse of the bankruptcy system in the Central District would not be tolerated. Judge Klein also described the way Judge Tighe's efforts led to broader changes across the nation, such as the creation of "the Tighe statute," or 18 U.S.C. §157. During her time with the Court, Chief Judge Tighe has worked to "demystify the court process" as chair of the Ninth Circuit Pro Se Committee, through her community outreach to students, and through the many national and local pro se groups with which Chief Judge Tighe has served, Judge Klein said.

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Statistics Dashboard

The interactive Statistics Dashboard is a new feature of the Court's website that provides up-to-date filing and closing data for chapter 7, 11, and 13 cases, as well as adversary proceedings. Users can view data sorted by division or from the entire Central District, or they can choose to view only pro se or business cases. The Statistics Dashboard also displays year-by-year and month-by-month comparisons; another option compares each month of the current year to the corresponding month of the prior year. Access the new feature through the "Interactive Statistics" link on the Information tab of the Court's homepage (www.cacb.uscourts.gov), or [follow this link](#).



Accessing Court Information by Twitter

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WEBSITE FEEDBACK

The U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Central District of California continues to enhance its website based on feedback from users. Please let us know your thoughts about what is working well and what could be improved at www.cacb.uscourts.gov/contact.

Clerk of Court Kathleen J. Campbell congratulated Judge Bluebond on the completion of her term as chief judge, describing the recent consolidation of court space in Los Angeles as just one example of Judge Bluebond's successful leadership during her term as chief. Next, Ms. Campbell presented Judge Bluebond with a bronze statuette of Lady Justice, providing some background on the symbolic attributes of Justitia. She presented the statuette, engraved "With Gratitude for Your Leadership, Chief Judge Bluebond, 2015-2018," on behalf of the Clerk's Office, along with a gift certificate for use at the Hollywood Bowl or Disney Hall. As Judge Bluebond requested, judges who wished to give gifts donated instead to the Anti-Defamation League.

Judge Brand thanked the many bar organizations that sponsored the Passing of the Gavel reception: the Central District Consumer Bankruptcy Attorneys Association, the Century City Bar Association, the Los Angeles Chapter of the Federal Bar Association, the Financial Lawyers Conference, the Inland Empire Bankruptcy Forum, the International Women's Insolvency and Restructuring Confederation, the LGBT Bar Association of Los Angeles, the Los Angeles Bankruptcy Forum, the Los Angeles County Bar Association, the Orange County Bankruptcy Forum, the San Fernando Valley Bar Association, and the Southern California Chapter of the Turnaround Management Association.

Presenting Judge Bluebond with a portrait by Gary Miyatake, attorneys Whitman L. Holt of Klee Tutchin, Bogdanoff & Stern, LLP, and Robert S. Marticello of Smiley Wang-Ekval, LLP, praised her intelligence, demeanor, and receptiveness to input from stakeholders. Mr. Holt described the special challenges of the role of Chief Bankruptcy Judge in the Central District, a massive "battleship" of a court with more than twice as many judges as any other bankruptcy court in the country. Mr. Marticello commended Judge Bluebond for her outreach to the bar: "As Chief Judge, Judge Bluebond was dedicated to strengthening the relationship between the bar and the bench and improving the Court. She empowered the lawyer representatives to voice concerns that were important to the bar, and voicing concerns to judges is not always an easy thing to do. And she worked with the lawyer representatives to develop solutions—solutions to improve the Court for the attorneys, for our clients, and for the public. And while she didn't have to be, she was approachable. She made a concerted effort to reach out to the lawyers and put them at ease, all of which fostered the sharing of ideas between the bench and the bar." Judge Bluebond expressed her thanks for the portrait and for the kind words. She introduced Mr. Miyatake, whose grandfather is known for his photographic work at Manzanar Internment Camp, where the Miyatake family was interned during World War II. Judge Bluebond also expressed her thanks to Judge Brand for organizing the Passing of the Gavel and to Judge Clarkson for his remarks. Judge Bluebond thanked the judges of the Central District who would volunteer to assist whenever they were needed during her four-year term, Kathy Campbell and her staff, and gave a shout-out to her law clerks, closing with thanks to her husband, children, and parents. Judge Bluebond then described her time as chief as the "most satisfying accomplishment of her career."

Chief District Judge Virginia A. Phillips read the order of appointment designating Judge Tighe. Accepting the gavel from Judge Bluebond, Chief Judge Tighe commented on the tumultuous events of her term's first month and their effect on her plans. The Anti-Deficiency Act had become the unexpected focus of her thoughts at the year's beginning, she said, because of the record-breaking length of the government shutdown. Chief Judge Tighe expressed her confidence in the Court's judges and staff and noted their dedication in the face of the government shutdown. She thanked the Circuit and District Courts and pointed out the importance of family and friends when taking on any challenge, thanking her wife, daughter, mother, sister, niece, and nephew. At the reception in the lobby of the Court of Appeals following the ceremony, guests mingled over hors d'oeuvres and refreshments.

JUDGE SCOTT C. CLARKSON'S REMARKS AT PASSING OF THE GAVEL CEREMONY

Everybody defines leadership differently, but I prefer this explanation: "A leader is one who **knows** the way, **goes** the way, and **shows** the way." A great leader can prove to be the difference between success and failure, and it is axiomatic that a true leader has a futuristic vision and knows how to turn her ideas into real-world success. This, my bankruptcy community friends, is the legacy of Judge Sheri Bluebond and her now completed term as our Chief Judge.

In the few minutes I have today, I'd like to provide a very partial list of Judge Bluebond's traits and attributes that have **served** magnificently our entire Court and **provided** a remarkable four years of progress, growth and multiple successes.

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These are my observations:

1. Judge Bluebond's Honesty and Integrity

The supreme quality of leadership is unquestionably integrity. Without it, no real success is possible. Judge Bluebond's universal reputation for honesty and integrity has provided her with the firm foundation underlying her leadership roles with our Court. Judge Bluebond, throughout her career, has demonstrated her commitment to principled values, core beliefs, and ethics, and these attributes have provided her with the basic building blocks of great leadership and service to our Court.

2. Her Confidence and Inspiration

I'll be honest. I've known Judge Bluebond for almost three decades, first serving with her on the Los Angeles County Bar Association's Bankruptcy Committee and its Commercial Law and Bankruptcy Section back in 1991. She was already a leader with those groups at the time, and my first observation was that she was "oozing" with confidence. While working hard with the bar committees to make the practice of bankruptcy and commercial law better for all of us, she, with a few brave others, undertook a decade-long critical demand for financial transparency by the parent organization. Through her and others' efforts, and at some personal risk, significant results were obtained.

Fast forward a decade or so, and we find that as Chief Judge over the past four years, her confidence continued unabated, **inspiring** all of us to consider alternatives, **exploring** creative options and directly **addressing** a multitude of important issues before us. Her contagiously positive thinking, her direct approach, and her wicked sense of humor have led the way in addressing both substantive and procedural matters. She truly believes that creative thinking and constant innovation is what makes our Bankruptcy Court for the Central District of California stand out from the rest of the county.

She has inspired us all to **take** the extra step, go the extra mile, and **look** for one more thing that we can do for the public good.

3. Her Commitment and Passion

Over the last four years of significant procedural rule changes in bankruptcy practice, accompanied by continuous internal Court budgetary and staffing level pressures, I witnessed first-hand Judge Bluebond's calmness under pressure and ability to motivate everyone to rise to various challenges facing the Court. Her secret, in my opinion, was the enormous commitment and passion for the Court itself, her fellow judges, and the legal community at large that she has always served. Her unrelenting motivation to make people's lives and jobs better is based almost entirely on her commitment and passion toward the Judiciary, law, and justice, and the people served by those institutions and principles.

Conclusion

I could go on for a much longer time in extolling Judge Bluebond's virtues and talents that have contributed so greatly to our Central District. Suffice to say that she has performed her duties with remarkable skill, dedication, and passion, and the results could not be clearer.

Judge Bluebond, we are assured and confident that you will never cease to provide us with your continued support, direction and wisdom in all matters "Central District." We thank you for your service as Chief Judge, as well as your personal friendship to all of us.



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- To run the payments due report, click on Utilities > Internet Payments Due.
 - If a payment or payments are due, A Payment Summary screen will display. Select items to be paid and proceed with payment.
- To check your payment history, click on Utilities > Internet Payment History.
 - Enter the date range and click Run Report. The report will display.

Top 20 Cases of Interest*

Andrew Marc Pitscalis

SV-19-10062-BK, Chapter 11, Filed 1/11/19. Assets under \$1 million and Liabilities under \$1 million. Order approving appointment of a chapter 11 trustee entered on 2/19/19. Scheduling and case management conference to be heard on 3/7/19 at 1 p.m.

Cosmedx Science Inc

RS-18-16043-WJ, Chapter 11, Filed 07/19/18. Assets \$1-10 million and Liabilities \$1-10 million. Meeting of creditors held and concluded (chapter 7 asset) filed by trustee on 1/28/19; Notice of proposed abandonment of property of the estate filed by trustee 1/28/19.

DFH Network, Inc.

SA-18-13119-ES, Chapter 11, Filed 08/23/18. Assets \$50-100 million and Liabilities \$1-10 million. Status Conference hearing 3/7/19 @10:30. Objection to Claims (15,16,17,18) hearing set for 3/19/19 @ 10:30 crtrm 5A. Chapter 11 plan and Disclosure Statement filed 2/8/19. Motion approving chapter 11 Disclosure Statement set for 3/19/19 @10:30.

Elas, LLC dba Calnopoly LLC

SV-18-12494-VK, Chapter 11, Filed 10/08/18. Assets \$1-10 million and Liabilities \$1-10 million. Order granting motion to use cash collateral entered 12/26/18. Motion in individual Ch 11 case for order pursuant to 11 USC Sec. 363 setting budget for interim use of estate property as defined in 11 USC Sec. 1115 filed 2/22/19. Scheduling and case management conference continued to 6/20/19 at 1 p.m

Hekmatjah Family Limited Partnership

SV-18-13023-VK, Chapter 11, Filed 12/17/18. Assets \$1- 10 million and Liabilities \$10-50 million. Scheduling and case management conference to be heard on 8/15/19 at 1 p.m

Kendall Frozen Fruits, Inc.

SA-18-14052-SC, Chapter 11, Filed 11/05/18. Assets \$1-10 million and Liabilities \$1-10 million. Emergency Motion filed 11/5/18, hearing set 11/8/19. Motions granted. Hearing continued on status conference to 2/7/19 at 11 a.m.. Monthly Operating reports filed deadline for filing plan and disclosure statement 3/5/19 and Claim Bar date 3/29/19. Order directing the appointment of a chapter 11 trust and continuing status conference to 3/7/19 at 11 a.m., Motion to Appoint Trustee application for Order approving appointment of trustee and fixing bond with declation and POS, approving US Trustee Howard B Grobstein as the chapter 11 trustee.

MidiCi Group LLC

SV-18-12354-VK, Chapter 11, Filed 09/21/18. Assets \$1-10 million and Liabilities \$1-10 million. Hearing regarding motion for order approving post-petition financing from members of debtor to be heard on 2/28/19 at 2:00 p.m. Hearing regarding disclosure statement continued to 4/4/19 at 1:00 p.m. Scheduling and case management conference continued to 4/4/19 at 1:00 p.m.

Modern VideoFilm, Inc.

SA-18-11792-MW, Chapter 11, Filed 05/16/18. Assets \$1-10 million and Liabilities \$50-100 million. Status Conference hearing 2/27/19 at 9 a.m. Order granting second Motion for extension of exclusive periods to file a plan and to solicit acceptance to 3/12/19. Debtor's extending to June 10/19 Exclusive period to Solicit Acceptance to a Plan pursuant to 11 USC section 1121(c).

PB-1 LLC

SV-18-12855-MT, Chapter 11, Filed 11/27/18. Assets \$1-10 million and Liabilities \$1-10 million. Hearing regarding disclosure statement to be heard on 4/3/19 at 1 p.m. Scheduling and case management conference continued to 3/13/19 at 10 a.m.

Philmar Care LLC

SV-18-12966-MB, Chapter 11, Filed 12/10/2018, Assets \$1- 10 million and Liabilities \$1-10 million. Order dismissing bankruptcy case as of 1/4/19 entered on 1/4/19. Case closed on 1/23/19.

Richard Phillip Dagres

SV-18-11729-VK, Chapter 11, Filed 07/10/18. Assets \$1-10 million and Liabilities \$1-10 million. Motion to commence loan modification management program filed on 2/15/19. Scheduling and case management conference continued to 3/14/19 at 1:00 p.m.

Robert Edward Zukerman

SV-18-11150-VK, Chapter 11, Filed 05/04/18. Assets \$1-10 million and Liabilities \$1-10 million. Chapter 11 plan of reorganization filed on 2/15/19. Hearing regarding motion to convert case to Chapter 7 nunc pro tunc as of 5/4/1811 continued to 3/7/19 at 2:00 p.m. Scheduling and case management conference continued to 3/7/19 at 2:00 p.m.

Rockin Artwork, LLC (Lead case to JNTADMN case) Purple Haze Properties, LLC

SV-19-10051-VK SV-19-10052-VK, Filed 01-09-19. Assets under \$1 million and Liabilities under \$1 million. Order granting Hendrix creditors' motion for order appointing Chapter 11 Trustee pursuant to bankruptcy code section 1104(a) or converting debtor's case to chapter 7 pursuant to bankruptcy code section 1112 entered on 2/13/19. Hearing regarding motion for an order: (1) approving form of asset purchase agreement for stalking horse bidder and for prospective overbidders to use, (2) approving auction sale format, bidding procedures, and stalking horse bid protections; and (3) scheduling a court hearing to consider approval of the sale to the highest bidder continued to 3/7/19 at 2 p.m. Scheduling and case management conference to be heard on 3/7/19 at 2 p.m.

Ruby's Diner, Inc. a California Corporation

SA-18-13311-CB, Chapter 11, Filed 09/05/18. Assets \$1-10 million and Liabilities \$1-10 million. Motion and Declaration for authority to obtain credit under section 364(b) hearing continued to 2/27/19 at 10 a.m., Motion to Bar Debtors' Notice to Motion and Motion for Entry of an Order filed 1/29/19, Motion to set Last day to file Proof of Claim and Motion to Assume Lease of Executory Contract file by Ruby's Diner hearing set 2/27/19 at 10 a.m., Status reports and Monthly Operating report filed 2/12/19, Reply to letters filed by Creditors.

Technology Solutions & Services Inc.

RS-18-18339-MH, Chapter 11, Filed 10/02/2018, Assets \$1- 10 million and Liabilities \$10-50 million. Amended Disclosure Statement (first amended and redlined version) filed by debtor 1/10/19; Amended Chapter 11 Plan (first amended and redlined version) filed by debtor 1/10/19; Order continuing hearings on Disclosure Statement, Applications to Employ and Case Management Conference to 3/5/19 at 2 p.m.; Monthly operating report number 4 for the month ending 1/31/19.

Three Chiefs and No Indians, LLC

RS-18-17106-WJ, Chapter 11, Filed 07/17/2018, Assets \$10- 50 million and Liabilities \$10-50 million. Amended Schedules E/F filed by debtor 1/9/19; Disclosure statement and Chapter 11 plan of reorganization filed by debtor 1/22/19; Motion for approval of ch 11 disclosure statement filed 1/22/19 - hearing set 2/26/19 at 1 p.m. Crtrm 304; Objection to disclosure statement filed by U.S. Trustee 2/12/19; Reply to objection to disclosure statement filed by debtor 2/19/19.

Valley C LLC

SV-18-11786-MB, Chapter 11, Filed 08/22/2018, Assets \$1- 10 million and Liabilities \$1-10 million. Notice of change of corporate ownership filed on 2/15/19. Hearing regarding motion for interim and final orders (i) authorizing the debtor to (A) obtain post-petition financing pursuant to 11 U.S.C. §§ 105, 361, 362, 364(C)(1), 364(D)(1), 364(E) and 507, (B) grant priming liens and super priority claims to the dip lender, and (C) provide adequate protection to prepetition lenders pursuant to 11 U.S.C. §§ 361, 362, 363 and 364, (ii) scheduling a final hearing pursuant to bankruptcy rules 4001 (B) and (C) And (iii) granting related relief continued to 2/28/19 at 10:00 a.m. Hearing regarding motion for a determination that this is a single asset case and for an order requiring debtor to make adequate protection payments pursuant to 11 U.S.C. 362(d) continued to 2/28/19 at 10:00 a.m. Scheduling and case management conference continued to 2/28/19 at 10:00 a.m.

Verity Health System of California, Inc. et al. (lead case), St. Louise Regional Hospital, Verity Holdings, LLC, St. Vincent Medical Center, St. Francis Medical Center, Seton Medical Center, O'Connor Hospital, Verity Medical Foundation, St. Vincent Dialysis Center, Inc., Saint Louise Regional Hospital Foundation, Verity Business Services, Seton Medical Center Foundation, De Paul Ventures, LLC, St. Francis Medical Center of Lynwood Foundation, O'Connor Hospital Foundation, St. Vincent Foundation, De Paul Ventures - San Jose Dialysis, LLC. LA-18-20151-ER LA-18-20162 LA-18-20163 LA-18-20164 LA-18-20165 LA-18-20166 LA-18-20167 LA-18-20168 LA-18-20169 LA-18-20171 LA-18-20172 LA-18-20173 LA-18-20175 LA-18-20176 LA-18-20178 LA-18-20179 LA-18-20180 LA-18-20181, Chapter 11, Filed 08/31/2018, Assets \$500-\$1 Billion Liabilities \$100-500 million. Hearing re [1153] Issues pertaining to the transfer and Cure objections set on 2/20/2019 at 10 a.m. There are pending hearings on other matters set from 2/20/19 through 1/27/20. See docket entry no 1528: Last day to file Proofs of Claim 4/1/19. Government Proof of Claim due by 8/12/19.

Visiting Nurse Association of the Inland Counties

RS-18-16908-MH, Chapter 11, Filed 08/15/2018, Assets \$1- 10 million and Liabilities \$10-50 million. Notice of continued ch 11 status conference filed by debtor 12/19/18 - hearing continued to 2/26/19 at 2 p.m. Crtrm 303; Motion of debtor for order approving management agreement filed 12/20/18 - hearing continued to 2/13/19 at 2 p.m. Crtrm 303; Opposition to motion for management agreement filed by creditor 1/14/19; Chapter 11 status report filed by debtor 2/12/19; Monthly operating report number 6 for the month ending 1/31/19 filed by debtor.

Zacky & Sons Poultry, LLC.

LA-18-23361-RK, Chapter 11, Filed 11/13/18. Assets \$50-100 million and Liabilities \$50-100 million. Pursuant to docket entry no. 188, Status conference set on 4/17/19 at 11 a.m. Docket entry no. 210: Hearing on Motion for entry of order: (1) establishing bidding and sale procedures set on 3/5/19 at 2:30 p.m.; Adversary status conference set on 4/16/19 at 1:30 p.m.

*Based on a combination of asset and liability levels, number of creditors, high activity, and/or name recognition.