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## PASSING OF THE GAVEL

On January 29, 2015, the change of Bankruptcy Court Chief Judge from Judge Peter H. Carroll to Judge Sheri Bluebond 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. Approximately 260 people were in attendance to celebrate the occasion.

Judge Bluebond's children, Gwendolyn and Geoffrey Smith, led the pledge of allegiance, followed by Clerk of Court Kathleen J. Campbell's commencement of the ceremony. Judge Bluebond welcomed the distinguished guests in attendance, who included district court judges, magistrate judges, and bankruptcy judges. Senior Circuit Judge Mary M. Schroeder began her remarks with a description of 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 Sandra R. Klein spoke next, describing Judge Carroll's natural leadership skills and praising his manner of building consensus among 24 bankruptcy judges. In reflecting on Judge Carroll's leadership, she quoted John Quincy Adams' description of a leader: "If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more, you are a leader." Judge Klein recounted the many accomplishments of Judge Carroll's term.

Additional remarks were shared in turn by Judge Maureen A. Tighe and Lewis Brisbois Bisgaard & Smith LLP Partner Amy L. Goldman, Esq. Each speaker praised Judge Bluebond's intellect and talent. Judge Tighe mentioned Judge Bluebond's "laser focus" and recognized Judge Carroll and Judge Bluebond as each embodying the role of a "servant leader" who "manages the homeruns everyone else hits." Ms. Goldman described Judge Bluebond's childhood in Woodland Hills and her path to the legal profession. She recognized Judge Bluebond as an outstanding judge, whose approach on the bench reminded Ms. Goldman of Chief Justice John Roberts' comparison of judges and umpires.

In her presentation, Ms. Campbell extended congratulations to Judge Carroll and welcomed Judge Bluebond as Chief Judge. Ms. Campbell highlighted Judge Carroll's hands-on approach to developing the Court's new strategic plan. He insisted upon gathering feedback from the bench, court staff, the bar, and the public to craft a realistic five-year plan, focusing on ways to improve and enhance operations, technology, outreach, and service. In addition to a flag from the Executive Office of the President of the United States, which had previously been presented to Judge Carroll, Ms. Campbell noted that Judge Carroll's name had been added to a plaque engraved with the names and terms of all the chief judges that hangs in the Board of Judges' room. She also shared that, since Judge Carroll had said he did not want any gifts when he stepped down, the Executive Team of the Clerk's Office had instead made a donation to Southern Poverty Law



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## Accessing Court Information by Twitter

The Court has been posting to its Twitter account since 2011, and has sent over 2,100 different tweets to more than 620 followers. The Court posts announcements, Notices of Sale, Public Notices, and other timely information. In March, the Court began tweeting judicial opinions.

You do not need a Twitter account to view the Court's tweets—just click on the Twitter logo on the home page of the Court's website ([www.cacb.uscourts.gov](http://www.cacb.uscourts.gov)). The postings are arranged in chronological order, making it easy to quickly catch up with what is going on at the Court. If you have a Twitter account, follow @cacbnews.

## 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](http://www.cacb.uscourts.gov)/contact.

Center in Judge Carroll's name. The Clerk's Office staff also prepared a memory book for Judge Carroll with photos and handwritten messages from each chambers and the Clerk's Office staff.

Judge Brand provided acknowledgments to the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals for hosting the event and the reception sponsors, followed by remarks from Central District Consumer Bankruptcy Attorney Association (*cdcbaa*) representative Dennis McGoldrick, Esq.; Smiley Wang-Ekval LLP Partner Autumn D. Spaeth, Esq.; and Public Counsel Senior Supervising Staff Attorney Magdalena Reyes Bordeaux. The following organizations were recognized: the Southern California Chapter of the Turnaround Management Association, the Financial Lawyers Conference, the LA County Bar Association, the Los Angeles Bankruptcy Forum, the Inland Empire Bankruptcy Forum, the Orange County Bankruptcy Forum, and the *cdcbaa*. Judge Brand also shared that the Central District's bankruptcy judges had made a contribution in Judge Carroll's honor to the American Cancer Society, and, in the spirit of the donation, gave Judge Carroll a healthy eating cookbook from that organization. Mr. McGoldrick presented a plaque to Judge Carroll from the *cdcbaa*, the inscription of which recognizes Judge Carroll as "keenly aware and sensitive to the unique needs of each debtor." Ms. Spaeth complimented Judge Carroll for being able to see the humor in life even in difficult times, which she observed while working with Judge Carroll in her role as a Central District lawyers' representative, and for his quick wit and even temperament on the bench. Ms. Bordeaux also congratulated Judge Carroll for completing his term as chief, and thanked him for his participation in bankruptcy programs to support the Central District's diverse bankruptcy litigants.

After a portrait of Judge Carroll was unveiled, Judge Carroll provided the background of the artist, Gary Miyatake. Judge Carroll said he selected Mr. Miyatake for his deep roots in Los Angeles, and because of his grandfather Toyo's historic photographic work at Manzanar Internment Camp, where the Miyatake family was interned during World War II. He thanked Judge Brand and the bar associations who sponsored the event for their generous support, along with Senior Circuit Judge Schroeder and each of the speakers for their remarks. He also specifically recognized *cdcbaa* members Dennis McGoldrick, Jim King, Jon Hayes, and Keith Higginbotham. Judge Carroll thanked his wife Donna, and all of his family, as well as the bankruptcy judges, several of whom deferred or declined to serve as chief in order to make his term as chief judge possible. Judge Carroll then passed a ceremonial crystal gavel to Judge Bluebond.

Chief District Judge George H. King read the order of appointment to Judge Bluebond and expressed his gratitude for Judge Carroll's partnership during his time as chief. He commented that the District Court judges were overjoyed at the news of Judge Bluebond's selection as the new chief and then invited Judge Bluebond to speak. Judge Bluebond also thanked each speaker, the bar association sponsors, and each court that contributed to preparations for the event. She expressed special thanks to Mike Rotberg, former Chief Deputy of Operations of the Clerk's Office, for his "immeasurable contributions to the Court," to her children, her parents, and to her husband, Brad Smith. At the reception in the lobby of the Court of Appeals following the ceremony, guests enjoyed a wide array of hors d'oeuvres and refreshments.

## INVESTITURE OF JUDGE SCOTT H. YUN

On February 12, the investiture of the Honorable Scott H. Yun was held at the United States Bankruptcy Court in Riverside. Chief District Judge George H. King administered the oath of office to Judge Yun. Among those in attendance were District Court Judges Virginia A. Phillips and Jesus G. Bernal; Magistrate Judges David T. Bristow and Sheri Pym; Chief Bankruptcy Judge Sheri Bluebond; Bankruptcy Judges Russell, Robles, Donovan, Smith, Jury, Carroll, Albert, Neiter, Kwan, Bauer, Saltzman, Clarkson, Wallace, Johnson, Brand, and Houle; and Clerk of Court Kathleen J. Campbell.



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## Avoiding Duplicate Charges/ Payments – Online Credit Card Payments

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- To check your payment history, click on Utilities > Internet Payment History. Enter the date range, click Run Report, and the report will display

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- Create a PDF document for filing as usual.
- From the Print feature, select Adobe PDF as the printer.
- Select the Print button at the bottom of the screen. You will be prompted to name your file and save it.
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Chief District Judge George H. King described Judge Yun as someone who embraces the community that he serves and prioritizes those who cannot afford to pay the big firm rates, despite coming from one of the most prestigious and well-known firms in Los Angeles. Chief Judge Bluebond spoke about Judge Yun's background as an immigrant from Seoul, Korea, who came to the United States as a child with his mother and sister. She noted that Judge Yun completed his undergraduate degree at UCLA and received his J.D. from the University of Southern California Gould School of Law. Chief Judge Bluebond related that Judge Yun first worked in the Court as an extern for Judge Barry Russell and as a law clerk for Judge Ernest M. Robles. Before coming to the bench, she said, Judge Yun was in private practice for 18 years and, most recently, was a shareholder in the firm of Stutman, Treister & Glatt.

The Honorable Richard M. Neiter provided remarks at the ceremony, followed by remarks from Judge Yun's former colleague, Theodore B. Stolman, Esq. Judge Neiter spoke about how Judge Yun's interest in small businesses and people developed after Judge Yun watched his family develop its own small business. Judge Neiter described Judge Yun as patient and courteous. He said Judge Yun is willing to listen to legal arguments, but knows the difference between "lawyer speak and legal arguments." Mr. Stolman also noted Judge Yun's ability to realize the character of the client and the parties in the case. Mr. Stolman warned that Judge Yun will catch on to disingenuous arguments immediately, and praised Judge Yun as someone who is diligent, prepared, has expertise in small and large cases, and will not be afraid to decide difficult issues. Mr. Stolman also shared some humorous tales about his days with Judge Yun in private practice, such as when they planted an "Annoyatron" noise-maker in select offices around the law firm.

After the swearing-in, Judge Yun spoke in response, thanking his family and everyone who supported him in his path to the bench. Judge Yun especially expressed gratitude to his mother, Jung Ja Lee, and praised her strength, intensity, grit, and determination. He also thanked his wife and children for their sacrifices in supporting his career, the judges in attendance who served on his selection committee, his colleagues on the bench in Riverside, those with whom he worked in private practice, his law clerks and team, and Judge Jury's Judicial Assistant Christine Rhambo. Judge Yun also noted the support he has received, since his appointment to the bench, from the Clerk's Office under Ms. Campbell's leadership.

## CHANGES TO ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER REGARDING ELECTRONIC FILING IN BAP CASES

The Bankruptcy Appellate Panel (BAP) modified its "Administrative Order Regarding Electronic Filing in BAP Cases" to require that all excerpts of record be filed electronically for all cases opened at the BAP beginning February 1, 2015. No paper copies will be necessary. In all other cases, effective immediately, any attorney or other electronic filer may file the excerpts electronically without submitting paper copies. Please see Rule 3 of the "Administrative Order Regarding Electronic Filing in BAP Cases" available on the BAP website at [www.ca9.uscourts.gov/bap](http://www.ca9.uscourts.gov/bap).

## IEBF MEET THE JUDGES NIGHT

On February 3, Judges Meredith A. Jury, Scott C. Clarkson, Mark S. Wallace, Wayne Johnson, Mark D. Houle, and Scott H. Yun participated in the Inland Empire Bankruptcy Forum's "Ask the Judges Night." Approximately 85 people attended the event, held at the Mission Inn in Riverside. The judges discussed their positions on telephonic versus personal appearances in court, what evidence is required for a motion to strip a judgment lien, the absolute priority rule in individual chapter 11 cases, the proper date for valuing collateral, late-filed papers, and when it is appropriate to contact chambers about the status of lodged orders. They also discussed their pet peeves in reviewing fee applications.



## Top 20 Cases of Interest Filed in the Last 24 Months\*

### Allied Industrial Inc.

SV-13-11948-MT, Chapter 11, Filed 03/21/13, Assets \$13 million and Liabilities \$7 million. Motion for Relief filed 1/30/15.

### ARI-RC6, LLC (Lead), ARI-RC 12, LLC, ARI-RC 14, LLC, ARI-RC 21, LLC, ARI-RC 23, LLC

SV13-14678-AA, (LEAD); SV13-14697-AA, SV13-14692-AA. SV13-14604-AA, SV13-14695-AA, Chapter 11, Filed 07/15/13, \$10- \$50 million and Liabilities \$50-100 million. No Updates

### AWTR Liquidation Inc. fka Rhythm and Hues, Inc.

LA-13-13775-NB, Chapter 11, Filed 02/13/13, Assets \$10- \$50 million and Liabilities \$50-100 million. Hearing re motion for an order extending deadline to object to certain claims was set on 3/10/15 at 11:00 a.m.

### Bethal Healthcare Inc.

SV-13-12220-GM, Chapter 11, Filed 04/01/13, Assets \$1-10 million and Liabilities \$1-10 million. No Updates.

### City of San Bernardino

RS-12-28006-MJ, Chapter 9, Filed 08/01/12. Assets and Liabilities \$1,000 + and Liabilities \$1,000+. Status conference on Chapter 9 voluntary petition continued to March 26, 2015. Certificate of Readiness has been issued on five pending appeals.

### CLK Human Resources, LLC

RS-13-19002-MW, Chapter 11, Filed 05/21/13. Assets \$0.01- 0.05 million and Liabilities \$1 - \$10 million. No Updates.

### Easy Life Furniture Inc.

SA-14-12713-CB, Chapter 11, Filed 05/01/14. Assets \$1-10 million and Liabilities \$1-10 million. Hearing set 2/4/15 re. Motion to allow Claims filed 1/16/15; Hearing held Granted order by Attorney re. Omnibus Objection to Claim filed 2/4/15; Application for Compensation second and final filed 2/11/15, hearing set 3/4/15 at 10:00am; Motion to Dismiss Chapter 11 case filed 2/12/15; Monthly Operating Reports ending 1/31/2015 filed 2/17/15.

### Halsey M. Minor

LA-13-23787-TD, Chapter 7, Filed 05/24/13, Assets \$50-100 million and Liabilities \$50-100 million. Notice to continue meeting of creditors and appearance of debtor to 3/5/15 at 11:00 a.m. was filed on 2/9/15.

### Hamlet Group Inc.

SV-13-12398-MT, Chapter 11, Filed 04/05/2013, Assets \$500,001-\$1 million and Liabilities \$1-\$10 million. Case closed on 12/5/14.

### HDOS Enterprises

LA-14-12028-NB, Chapter 11, Filed 02/03/14, Assets \$10-\$50 million - \$1-\$10 million. Case was closed on 1/8/15.

### KSL Media Inc. (Lead Case)

Jointly Administered with TV 10's LLC - SV13-15930-AA and Fulcrum 5, Inc. - SV 13-15931-AA, SV-13-15929-AA, Chapter 11, Filed 9/11/13, Assets \$10- \$50 million and Liabilities \$50-100 million. Adversary David K Gottlieb vs. Kalman S Liebowitz, case 1:14-ap-01250 filed on 12/22/14.

### Modern Alloys Inc.

SA-13-11637-CB, Chapter 11, Filed 02/22/13, Assets \$1+ million and Liabilities \$1+ million. Chapter 11 Plan of Reorganization filed 5/23/14; Monthly Operating Report ending 5/31/14 and 6/30/14; Motion to approve compromise filed 6/25/14 hearing set 7/30/14; Order granting application for compensation filed 8/15/14; Confirmation hearing and Disclosure Statement set 4/1/15 at 10:00am; Motion for relief set 11/5/14 Order granted; Order Granting Official Committee of Creditors unsecured claim continued hearing 12/17/14; Amended chapter 11 Plan filed 2/10/15; Monthly operating report ending Jan. 2015 filed 2/12/15.

### Plaza Healthcare Center LLC

SA-14-11335-CB, Chapter 11, Filed 03/04/14, Assets \$1+ million and Liabilities \$1+ million. Order denying motion for relief filed 1/6/15; Adversary 15ap1006 filed 1/7/15; Monthly Operating Report for October; HH Motion for relief continued to 3/4/15 @10:00am; Stipulation by Plaza Healthcare filed 1/27/15, Order approving stipulation resolving disallowing claims filed 1/28/15; Notice of Lodgment of Order Denying Motion for relief filed 2/9-11/15; Hearing set Motion to approve compromise 3/4/15 @10:00am filed 2/12/15.

### Point Center Financial Inc.

SA-13--11495-TA, Chapter 11, Filed 1/19/13, Assets \$10- \$50 million and Liabilities \$50-100 million. HH-Motion approve compromise granted; Order granting trustee Motion for Order approving settlement agreement between Trustee and Pacific Mercantile Bank filed 12/10/15; Order Granting Motion to extend time to file avoidance action to 8/17/2015; Motion granted however, the court is only ruling on the very narrow issue that Goe is disqualified from representing any entity in this case adverse to the trustee/debtor; file 1/27/15; Hearing continued on Motion to resolve dispute of proceeds of Georgetown Commercial Center, HC on 724 Motion, Hearing continued 646 Objections of the AD Hoe unofficial committee all continued on 4/1/15 filed 2/3/15.

### S.B. Restaurant Co. dba's: Elephant Bar Restaurant, Elephant Bar Global Grill Wok Kitchen, Texas S.B. Restaurant Co. of CA, S.B. Restaurant of Missouri Co. S.B. Restaurant Co. of Kansas, LLC S.B. Restaurant Co. of Central Florida, LLC

SA-14-13778-ES, SA-14-13780-ES, SA-14-13781-ES, Chapter 11, Filed 6/16/14, Assets \$50-\$100 million and Liabilities \$50-\$100 million. Status Conference continued 3/19/15 @10:30 am, Updated status report to be filed 3/12/2015; Final Fee application waived status report will include the amount of atty fee administrative claims, bar date is 3/2/2015. Order approving stipulation resolving the Motion for Relief and automatic stay and claims filed 1/5/2015; Adversary complaint file by CM7 Capital Partners LLC filed 1/5/15; Order granting Interim and /or Final Application of Estate professional for interim and/or final approval of compensation and reimbursement of expenses filed 1/12/15; Order Approving Stipulation Resolving Objections and Authorizing the debtors to assume and assign/sell unexpired leases of non-residential Real Property. Motion to approve compromise filed 1/30/15

### Senor Fish

LA-14-10076-RN, Chapter 11, Filed 01/02/14, Assets \$1-10 million and Liabilities \$1-10 million. Order entered on 2/6/15 approving applications to employ 1) The Pierce Law Firm as eminent domain attorney; and 2) Thomsen LLC as valuation expert.

### Todd-Soundelux, LLC

LA-14-19980-SK, Chapter 11, Filed 5/21/14, Assets \$1-10 million and Liabilities \$1-10 million. Notice of application was filed on 2/9/15 for order approving the employment of Fox Rothschild LLP as attorneys for the Official Committee of unsecured creditors nunc pro tunc effective as of January 1, 2015.

### The Village at Nipomo, LLC

SV-13-13593-AA, Chapter 11, Filed 05/28/13, Assets \$12 million and Liabilities \$10 million. Case dismissed on 12/22/14 and subsequently closed on 01/08/15.

### Walldesign Inc.

SA-12-10105-CB, Chapter 11, Filed 01/04/14, Assets \$10 + million and Liabilities \$10 + million. Over 24 Complaints filed, Emergency Motion and Orders granted motion filed 1/5/2015, Monthly Operating Reports filed 12/12/2014, Motion for Relief with hearing date set 3/4/2015 and 3/18/2015 @10:00a.m., Continue Plaintiff Committee's Motion hearing set 3/12/2015 filed 2/3/2015.

### West Covina Motors, Inc.

LA-12-52197-ER, Chapter 11, Filed 12/28/12, Assets \$10- \$50 million and Liabilities \$10-50 million. Order entered on 2/11/15 granting relief from stay motion filed by City of West Covina.

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