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## **Christopher Damian Jaime Named Judge of U.S. Bankruptcy Court for Eastern California**

**SAN FRANCISCO** — Chief Judge Sidney R. Thomas of the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit announced today the appointment of attorney Christopher Damian Jaime of Reno, Nevada, to serve as a judge of the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of California.

“Mr. Jaime is an experienced and knowledgeable practitioner who we expect will make a significant contribution to the work of the bankruptcy court for eastern California,” Chief Judge Thomas said of the appointment.

Mr. Jaime will fill a vacancy resulting from the retirement of Bankruptcy Judge Thomas C. Holman, who will step down on January 2, 2015. Mr. Jaime will be sworn into office by Chief Bankruptcy Judge Christopher M. Klein during a ceremony on January 5, 2015, at the Robert T. Matsui U.S. Courthouse in Sacramento. He will maintain chambers in Sacramento.

Mr. Jaime, 47, has been the vice-president and a shareholder of Maupin, Cox & LeGoy since 1998. He joined the firm as an associate in 1992. His practice focuses on advising domestic and international banks, lenders, financial and financing institutions and individuals on creditors’ rights issues. He represents clients in litigation matters both within and outside the bankruptcy context. Mr. Jaime appears and participates in all pretrial and trial phases of proceedings before federal bankruptcy, district and appellate courts. He has represented institutional and individual creditors and secured lenders in Chapter 7, 11, 12 and 13 proceedings.

Born in Sacramento, California, Mr. Jaime graduated with a B.S. in psychology from St. Mary's College of California in 1989 and was named in "Who's Who Among American Colleges and Universities" that same year. He received his J.D. in 1992 from Willamette University College of Law, where he was the associate editor of the Willamette Law Review from 1991 to 1992. While in law school, he wrote a law review article on criminals' rights under the Oregon Constitution and received honors in state constitutional law and a High Paper Award in advanced criminal law.

Mr. Jaime has been a member of the Latino American Who's Who since 2012 and of the Fellows of the American Bar Foundation since 2002. He was recognized as one of Top 100 Bankruptcy Lawyers in the State of Nevada by the American Society of Legal Advocates in 2014.

The U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of California received 22,383 filings in fiscal year 2014. The court is authorized seven bankruptcy judges.

Bankruptcy judges serve a 14-year renewable term and handle all bankruptcy-related matters under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code. Judges of the U.S. 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. For reappointments, the court conducts a performance review and considers public comment evaluations.

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