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## **Tucson Judge Appointed to Ninth Circuit Bankruptcy Appellate Panel**

SAN FRANCISCO – Ninth Circuit Chief Judge Alex Kozinski today announced the appointment of United States Bankruptcy Judge Eileen W. Hollowell of Tucson to the Ninth Circuit Bankruptcy Appellate Panel (BAP), which resolves appeals arising out of bankruptcy court decisions.

BAP judges are selected by the Judicial Council of the Ninth Circuit, governing body for federal courts in nine western states and two Pacific Island jurisdictions. Judge Hollowell’s appointment was effective August 17, 2008, and has a term of seven years.

“Judge Hollowell is an exceptional bankruptcy judge and an excellent addition to the Bankruptcy Appellate Panel,” Judge Kozinski said.

Judge Hollowell has served on the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the District of Arizona since 2000. Prior to her appointment, she was a partner at Mersch, Clark & Rothschild, P.C., in Tucson, where she specialized in insolvency, business representation, debtor and creditor law. Judge Hollowell also was a shareholder at McEvoy, Daniels, Hollowell & Cheshire, P.C., in Tucson, from 1992 to 1995; an associate then shareholder at Molloy, Jones & Donahue, P.C., in Tucson, from 1985 to 1992; and was an assistant attorney general, Civil Racketeering Section of the Financial Fraud Division, Office of the Arizona Attorney General, in Phoenix, from 1984 to 1985.

Judge Hollowell received her B.A. in 1967, graduating *cum laude* from the University of Massachusetts, and an M.S.W. from the University of Michigan in 1974. She received her J.D. in 1981, graduating with high distinction, from the University of Arizona College of Law.

The BAP was established in 1979 by the Judicial Council of the Ninth Circuit as an alternative forum for hearing bankruptcy appeals. Since then, it has disposed of more than 15,000 cases, including more than 5,250 decided on the merits.

The Ninth Circuit was the first federal circuit to establish a bankruptcy appellate panel. Other circuits with bankruptcy appellate panels are the First, Sixth, Eighth and Tenth circuits. For more information, visit: <http://www.ce9.uscourts.gov>.

The Ninth Circuit includes the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, federal district and bankruptcy courts in 15 judicial districts, and associated court services.

The BAP is based in the Richard H. Chambers U.S. Courthouse in Pasadena. It received 379 appeals in 2007, about 58 percent of all appeals originating out of bankruptcy courts throughout the Ninth Circuit (district courts hear the remainder of the appeals).

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