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**PUBLIC NOTICE FOR
REAPPOINTMENT OF BANKRUPTCY JUDGE**

The current 14-year term of office for U.S. Bankruptcy Judge Michael B. Kaplan for the District of New Jersey is due to expire on October 2, 2020. The United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit is considering the reappointment to a new 14-year term of office.

Upon reappointment, the incumbent would continue to exercise the jurisdiction of a bankruptcy judge as specified in Title 28, United States Code; Title 11, United States Code; and the Bankruptcy Amendments and Federal Judgeship Act of 1984, Pub. L. No. 98-353, §§ 101-122, 98 Stat. 333-346. In bankruptcy cases and proceedings referred by the district court, the incumbents would continue to perform the duties of a bankruptcy judge that might include holding status conferences, conducting hearings and trials, making final determinations, entering orders and judgments, and submitting proposed findings of fact and conclusions of law to the district court.

Members of the bar and the public are invited to submit comments for consideration by the Court of Appeals regarding the reappointments of Judge Michael B. Kaplan. All comments should be directed to one of the following addresses:

By e-mail: Kaplan_Reappointment@ca3.uscourts.gov

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Comments must be received no later than **noon on March 19, 2020.**