

PRESS RELEASE

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF INDIANA**

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INDIANAPOLIS, Indiana (April 20, 2015): The United States District Court for the Southern District of Indiana announced that a formal swearing-in ceremony for United States Bankruptcy Judge Jeffrey J. Graham will be held on Wednesday, April 22, 2015, at 3:00 pm. Chief Judge Richard L. Young will preside over the ceremony in the William E. Steckler Ceremonial Courtroom (Courtroom 202) of the Birch Bayh Federal Building and United States Courthouse in Indianapolis. Judge Graham was appointed on October 1, 2014, and fills a vacancy created by the retirement of Judge James K. Coachys.

A native of North Dakota, Judge Graham attended college at the University of Notre Dame, where he graduated *cum laude* while earning two bachelor's degrees. He received his law degree *summa cum laude* from Valparaiso University School of Law. Upon graduation from law school, he served as a law clerk to the Honorable S. Hugh Dillin, United States District Judge for the Southern District of Indiana. Prior to his appointment to the bench, Judge Graham rose to the position of partner in the bankruptcy, creditors' rights, and insolvency practice groups at the Indianapolis office of Taft Stettinius & Hollister LLP.

While practicing, Judge Graham was board certified in business bankruptcy law by the American Board of Certification, named a Distinguished Fellow by the Indianapolis Bar Foundation, recognized as a Super Lawyer by *Law and Politics* magazine, and listed in *The Best Lawyers of America* in the practice area of Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization Law. Judge Graham is a member of the Indiana State Bar Association, Indianapolis Bar Association, Seventh Circuit Bar Association, and American Bankruptcy Institute. Outside the courtroom he volunteers as a religious education teacher, baseball coach, and assistant den leader for Cub Scouts. Judge Graham is married and has two children.

United States Bankruptcy Judges for the Southern District of Indiana are appointed by the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit for a term of fourteen (14) years and are eligible for reappointment to successive terms.

The ceremony is a public event, but seating is limited. Photography will be permitted during the program.

If you would like to send a photographer and/or reporter to cover the ceremony, or if you have other questions, please contact Deputy Clerk Doria Lynch at 317-229-3729.