



**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO**

**NOTICE TO THE BAR**

**CASE ASSIGNMENT CHANGES**

The Honorable Charles M. Caldwell is retiring at the end of the year. The judgeship will not be filled at this time. The Southern Ohio Bankruptcy Judges have approved a plan to maintain a balanced caseload across the district. Consequently, the Honorable Jeffery P. Hopkins, Chief Judge, will begin drawing cases in Columbus, in addition to Cincinnati cases, and the Honorable Beth A. Buchanan will be removed from the draw in Dayton, drawing only Cincinnati cases thereafter. The changes to the draw will occur in two stages. The modification of the chapter 13 draw will be implemented shortly. The chapter 7 draw will be modified later. The changes to the draw will not affect pending cases. On or before October 1, 2019, pending cases will be reassigned. At that time, Judge Buchanan's pending Dayton cases will be reassigned to the Honorable Guy R. Humphrey; Judge Caldwell's pending cases will be reassigned among Chief Judge Hopkins, the Honorable John E. Hoffman, Jr., and the Honorable C. Kathryn Preston; and some, but not all, of Chief Judge Hopkins' Cincinnati cases will be reassigned to Judge Buchanan. Trustee assignments will not be affected. Hearings for Columbus cases assigned to Chief Judge Hopkins will be held in Columbus.

FOR THE COURT

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