

Announcement of Upcoming Court Transition

The court announces that the United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit, pursuant to the authority contained in 28 U.S.C. § 152(a)(1), has entered an order extending the term of office of United States Bankruptcy Judge William F. Stone, Jr., which otherwise would expire on July 23, 2013, for a period of 180 days after that date or the earlier date of appointment of his successor. It is anticipated that the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals during the next several months will designate a Merit Selection Panel for the purpose of reviewing applications from interested candidates and making recommendations to such Court for its appointment of a successor. Judge Stone is expected to continue to serve as the current Chief Judge of this Court until the date of his retirement.