

JUDGE CANGILOS-RUIZ JOINS THE U.S. BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

The U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of New York is pleased to announce the appointment of Attorney Margaret Cangilos-Ruiz to the position of Bankruptcy Judge. Judge Cangilos-Ruiz was appointed on February 16, 2007 and will be located in Syracuse, NY.

Judge Cangilos-Ruiz has an extensive background in bankruptcy law with experience in both the private and public sector. Prior to her appointment, Judge Cangilos-Ruiz had been head of the bankruptcy department at Whiteman Osterman & Hanna LLP since 1995. Before joining the firm of Whiteman Osterman & Hanna LLP she served as law clerk to The Honorable Justin J. Mahoney who was the Chief Bankruptcy Judge for the Northern District of New York. She also served as law clerk to the Chief Bankruptcy Judge in the Southern District of Florida.

Judge Cangilos-Ruiz was a co-founder, with The Honorable Robert E. Littlefield, of the Capital Region Bankruptcy Bar Association and served as its president from 1991 to 1993. She chaired the Bankruptcy Committee of the New York State Bar Association's Business Law Section from 2001 to 2004 and served on the Section's Executive Committee through 2006.

Judge Cangilos-Ruiz is a graduate of Cornell University and Albany Law School.

In anticipation of taking on her caseload, Judge Cangilos-Ruiz has been hiring staff and attending to administrative duties. It is anticipated that Judge Cangilos-Ruiz's first motion calendar will be held in April. When firm motion dates are available they will be posted to the Court's website.