

United States Bankruptcy Court  
Northern District Of New York

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Message to the Practicing Bar and to the Public

As 2020 draws to a close, the court would like to thank you for the courtesies, patience and flexibility shown in adapting to the largely virtual format of our in-court proceedings.

With health concerns paramount, virtual hearings will continue into the new year until the court can be assured that it is safe for all to return in person to the courtrooms. In the interim, the court is testing virtual platforms for their potential use in conducting evidentiary hearings and trials that may need to proceed before the physical space is reopened. The court's IT staff will be ready to provide training on a given platform should that be required or helpful in advance of any such scheduled hearing or trial.

My service as Chief Judge will end February 15 and Judge Diane Davis will become Chief Bankruptcy Judge for the Northern District on February 16, 2021. The Judicial Council of the Second Circuit recently approved my status as a recall judge, effective February 16, 2021, and I will continue to serve in that capacity until my successor is appointed. This will ensure that regular calendar dates can be posted and hearings held in the Syracuse division without interruption.

Best wishes to you and your families this holiday season as we close out the year and anticipate a time when we can come together again in person.

Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy 2021!



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