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To: James W. Reynolds
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From: James N. Ishida

RE: **Expiration of Term of Bankruptcy Judge Rebecca B. Connelly**

The 14-year term of Bankruptcy Judge Rebecca B. Connelly expires on July 10, 2026. Judge Connelly has indicated in writing that she desires reappointment.

The Regulations of the Judicial Conference of the United States for Selection, Appointment, and Reappointment of United States Bankruptcy Judges require the Court of Appeals to post a Public Notice when considering the reappointment of an incumbent bankruptcy judge. Accordingly, attached is a Public Notice which should be filed and posted in your office and on your website through February 16, 2026.

If you have any questions, please give me a call.

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Attachment

REAPPOINTMENT OF INCUMBENT U.S. BANKRUPTCY JUDGE

**Hon. Rebecca B. Connelly
Western District of Virginia**

United States Bankruptcy Judge Rebecca B. Connelly is asking the United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit to reappoint her to a new 14-year term of office. Judge Connelly's current term expires on July 10, 2026. The Court of Appeals invites comments on the request for reappointment.

Interested parties wishing to provide comments can participate in a [survey](#) or submit written comments to James N. Ishida, Circuit Executive, Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals, via vacancy@ca4.uscourts.gov. The Circuit Executive will not disclose the identity of any commenter who requests confidentiality.

The deadline for submitting comments via email or survey is 5:00 p.m. ET on February 16, 2026.