

**Third Circuit Court of Appeals Local Rules on the Bankruptcy Judge  
Reappointment Procedures**

Supplement to the Regulations of the Judicial Conference of the United States for the Selection, Appointment and Reappointment of United States Bankruptcy Judges

The incumbent bankruptcy judge should be given an opportunity to respond to negative comments, including negative comments which would not influence the decision to reappoint. No later than three days after the deadline for submission of public comments, the circuit executive shall submit such comments, along with a chart summarizing the responses to the questionnaire, to the incumbent bankruptcy judge. No later than five days after the circuit executive submits the public comments and questionnaire summary to the incumbent bankruptcy judge, the judge may, in his or her discretion, submit to the circuit executive a written response to the public comments and questionnaire summary. The circuit executive shall not disclose the identity of the respondent, but shall provide the incumbent bankruptcy judge with a general description of the nature of the comments.

*Rule initially adopted by the Third Circuit Court of Appeals at its November 24, 1998, Administrative meeting; modified by mail vote on April 6, 2000.*

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As part of the public comment period described in section 5.02(a) of the Regulations of the Judicial Conference of the United States for the Selection, Appointment and Reappointment of United States Bankruptcy Judges [§ 320.50.20 Procedures for Soliciting Public Comment], the United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit will circulate a questionnaire to those attorneys who have appeared in contested matters before the bankruptcy judge seeking reappointment in the three years prior to the judge's reappointment. A list of attorneys will be provided and certified by the clerk's office of the relevant bankruptcy court. If the bankruptcy judge has served on any intra- or inter-circuit assignments, a similar list will be sought from those courts on which the judge sat.

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