

**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT  
DISTRICT OF DELAWARE**



**Bankruptcy Judge Christopher S. Sontchi To Retire**

The United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware announces that Judge Christopher S. Sontchi has declared his intention to retire, effective June 30, 2022. Immediately following his retirement, Judge Sontchi will commence service as an International Judge of the Singapore International Commercial Court where he will be focusing on insolvency matters.<sup>1</sup> In addition, he will be privately engaged in, among other things, conducting mediations and arbitrations in Delaware and elsewhere.

Judge Sontchi joined the Delaware Bankruptcy Court in 2006 and served as Chief Judge from 2018 to 2021. During his tenure, he has presided over numerous significant Chapter 11 cases, including Catholic Diocese of Wilmington, American Home Mortgage, Energy Future Holdings Corp., Visteon, Six Flags, Molycorp, Borden Dairy, Exide Technologies, Brooks Brothers, and Eagle Hospitality. He has also served as the Court-appointed mediator in many Chapter 11 cases, including Tidewater, Vivus, and Mallinckrodt.

Judge Sontchi is a Lecturer in Law at the University of Chicago Law School and has taught restructuring to international judges through the auspices of the World Bank and INSOL International. He is also a member of the International Insolvency Institute, Judicial Insolvency Network, National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges, American Bankruptcy Institute and INSOL International. He has testified before Congress on bankruptcy matters, and he has published articles on creditors' committees, valuation, asset sales and safe harbors.

Judge Sontchi attended the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill where he was elected to *Phi Beta Kappa* and obtained a B.A. with distinction in Political Science. He received his J.D. from the University of Chicago Law School, after which he returned to his native Delaware to serve as a law clerk to the late Justice Joseph T. Walsh in the Delaware Supreme Court.

Until his retirement date, Judge Sontchi will remain active with his cases.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.pmo.gov.sg/Newsroom/Appointments-of-Judges>