

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
DISTRICT OF DELAWARE

CHRISTOPHER S. SONTCHI
CHIEF JUDGE



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NEW JUDGE APPOINTED TO DELAWARE BANKRUPTCY COURT

On April 6, 2021, J. Kate Stickles was sworn in as a United States Bankruptcy Judge for the District of Delaware. The oath was administered in a private ceremony before Hon. Leonard P. Stark, Chief Judge of the United States District Court for the District of Delaware. Judge Stickles fills the seat vacated by former Judge Kevin J. Carey upon his retirement in 2019. This brings the Court's current complement of judges to seven.

Prior to her appointment, Judge Stickles practiced in Wilmington, Delaware for 30 years. For the past 12 years, she was a member in the Bankruptcy and Corporate Restructuring Department at Cole Schotz P.C., representing debtors, creditors, official committees, examiners, post-confirmation trustees and other interested parties in chapter 11 proceedings. Before joining Cole Schotz P.C., Judge Stickles was a partner in the Bankruptcy and Restructuring Practice at Saul Ewing LLP and a director at Prickett, Jones, Elliott, Kristol & Schnee, P.A.

Judge Stickles is a fellow in the American College of Bankruptcy and has been recognized as a leading bankruptcy practitioner in Chambers USA since 2010, *Best Lawyers in America*, and *Best Lawyers Business Edition, 2017-2020*. Judge Stickles is active in the bankruptcy bar having served as Chair, Vice Chair (Commercial Bankruptcy), and Secretary of the Bankruptcy Section of the Delaware State Bar Association and is a master in the Delaware Bankruptcy American Inn of Court.

Judge Stickles received her undergraduate degree *cum laude* from Western Maryland College in 1984 and graduated from Temple University School of Law in 1989, where she served as president of the moot court honor society.

A public investiture will follow.

- Chief Judge Christopher S. Sontchi