

## Judge McEwen Appointed to Judicial Conference of the United States

Judge Catherine Peek McEwen has been appointed by Chief Justice John G. Roberts, Jr., to serve as the bankruptcy judge observer at sessions of the Judicial Conference of the United States for a two-year period beginning October 1, 2017.

The Judicial Conference is the national policy-making body for the federal courts. The current name took effect when Congress enacted 28 U.S.C. § 331. Before that, the body was known as the Conference of Senior Circuit Judges from its creation in 1922.

The Judicial Conference is charged with:

- Comprehensively surveying business conditions in the courts of the United States;
- Planning assignments of judges to or from courts of appeals or district courts, where necessary;
- Submitting suggestions to the various courts that promote uniform management procedures and the expeditious conduct of court business;
- Exercising authority provided in chapter 16 of title 28 United States Codes for the review of circuit council conduct and disability orders filed under that chapter; and
- Continuously studying the operation and effect of the general rules of practice and procedure in the federal courts, as prescribed by the Supreme Court.

The Chief Justice of the United States is the presiding officer of the Judicial Conference. By law, the Chief Justice is required to summon the Judicial Conference into session annually. Traditionally, the Chief Justice has called the annual meeting in September and a semi-annual session in March. The Conference generally meets in Washington, D.C., at the Supreme Court building.\*

\*Source: [www.uscourts.gov](http://www.uscourts.gov). For more on the Judicial Conference, click [here](#).