United States Courts for the Ninth Circuit

Bankruptcy Judgeship Opportunity
Northern District of California - San Jose Division

The U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit invites applications from highly qualified candidates for the position of Bankruptcy Judge for the Northern District of California. The person selected for this position will maintain chambers in San Jose, CA. This position will be available on May 1, 2006.

The term of office is 14 years with a possible renewal appointment subject to applicable reappointment procedures. The current salary is $149,132 per annum. No relocation expenses are payable.

The Court of Appeals uses an open and competitive selection process. All applications are screened by a Local Merit Screening Committee which selects a limited number of applicants for interview. The committee also contacts references of the interviewees. From the initial group of interviewees, a small number of applicants is referred for further interviews by a committee of circuit judges which then submits a recommendation to the Court of Appeals. The court's nominated applicants will undergo FBI and IRS background investigations prior to appointment.

Basic qualifications for consideration include: (1) admission to practice before the highest court of at least one state or the District of Columbia; (2) membership in good standing in every bar in which membership is held; and (3) at least five years of legal practice experience (certain other legal experience may be substituted). Applicants are considered without regard to their race, color, gender, religion, national origin, age, disability, or sexual orientation.

Application forms and more information may be obtained by calling, writing, or faxing a request to the address and telephone numbers listed below. The application may also be downloaded from our website at *www.ce9.uscourts.gov* (click "documents "). Printed application forms are also available at all clerks' offices of all district and bankruptcy courts in the Ninth Circuit. The application is quite lengthy, and therefore applicants are advised to allow sufficient time to complete and submit it prior to the submission deadline. **Applications must be in the format required by the Ninth Circuit.**

Letters of reference are optional, but in order to be considered such letters must be submitted with the original application. Application forms and disks may be obtained from:

Parcel/Express Delivery	U.S. Mail
Office of the Circuit Executive	**Office of the Circuit Executive**
95 Seventh Street, Suite 429	**P.O. Box 193939**
San Francisco, CA 94103-1518	**San Francisco, CA 94119-3939**
Attn: Bankruptcy Recruitment, CA-Northern	**Attn: Bankruptcy Recruitment, CA-Northern**
Telephone: (415) 556-2000	**Fax: (415) 556-6179**

Deadline for receipt of all completed application materials:
Monday, August 1, 2005, 5 p.m.