

**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT**  
**Eastern District of California**  
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**FREDRICK E. CLEMENT**  
**Chief Bankruptcy Judge**

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August 20, 2024

Re: Honorable Ronald H. Sargis  
Retirement

An Open Letter to the Bar:

For the second time in as many months, I note the retirement of one of the central players in the bankruptcy court; this time the retirement is the Honorable Ronald H. Sargis. His retirement is effective August 31, 2025.

Since 2010, Judge Sargis has served faithfully, first as a regularly sitting bankruptcy judge and as the Chief Bankruptcy Judge, from 2015-2022. As a jurist, Judge Sargis is known for his thoughtful and detailed decisions, which help the parties see more clearly the larger issues in each case. As the Chief Bankruptcy Judge, Ronald Sargis was a good face of the court: personable and yet a forceful advocate. Throughout his seven years as Chief, he successfully sought to make the Eastern District's concerns known to the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals and the Administrative Office of the Courts. And our district is better for his efforts. As a colleague, Judge Sargis occupied the position of confidant and counselor. Speaking as a recipient of Judge Sargis' gentle guidance, I am thankful for having known and worked with him.

Mercifully, we will continue to enjoy Judge Sargis's time and talents for the next year. As we prepare for his transition to retirement, when and where appropriate, please thank Judge Sargis for his service and wish him and his wife, Janeece, a happy retirement.

Sincerely,



Fredrick E. Clement  
Chief Judge, U.S. Bankruptcy Court