



*United States Bankruptcy Court
Southern District of New York*

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Chief Judge

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**DISTINGUISHED BANKRUPTCY JUDGE TO RETIRE FROM
SOUTHERN DISTRICT BENCH**

The United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York announces that Judge Stuart M. Bernstein will retire from the bench on September 30, 2020. He will thereafter serve on recall until March 31, 2021 or the appointment of his successor by the Second Circuit.

Judge Bernstein joined the Southern District bench in November 1993 and served as Chief Judge for ten years. During his tenure, he has presided over many large, high profile cases, including the SIPA liquidation of Bernard Madoff Investment Securities, LLC, Fairfield Sentry, Asia Global Crossing, SunEdison, Gawker Media and Avaya Inc., among many others. In addition to his heavy caseload, Judge Bernstein has taught as an adjunct professor of law at Cardozo Law School and St. John's Law School. He also served six years on the Committee for the Administration of the Bankruptcy System and is currently completing his second three-year term on the Advisory Committee for Bankruptcy Rules.

Following graduation from Fordham Law School, Judge Bernstein was an associate at the New York law firm of Rosenman & Colin, and from March 1978 until September of 1982, he served as an Assistant United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York. For several years prior to his appointment to the bench, he practiced law with the New York firm of Kensington & Ressler, P.C.