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Press Release: Selection of Shireen A. Barday to Serve as Bankruptcy Judge in the Southern District of New York

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

New York, December 10, 2025—Chief Judge Debra Ann Livingston of the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit announced today that the Court of Appeals will appoint Shireen A. Barday as a United States Bankruptcy Judge for the Southern District of New York in Manhattan. Chief Judge Livingston stated, “We are so excited to welcome Ms. Barday to the Southern District bankruptcy bench. Ms. Barday’s extensive and diverse practice experience as a commercial litigator, including in restructuring-related litigation, will be a tremendous asset to the esteemed Southern District bankruptcy bench. We look forward to working with Ms. Barday for many years to come.”

Ms. Barday is currently a partner and trial lawyer at Pallas Partners (US) LLP, an international boutique litigation firm, where she maintains a complex commercial litigation practice. Prior to joining Pallas Partners in 2023, Ms. Barday was a litigation partner at Gibson Dunn & Crutcher LLP from 2019 to 2023. Ms. Barday began her legal career as an associate at Kirkland & Ellis LLP, where she was elected to the partnership in 2015. Throughout her career, Ms. Barday’s practice has included a range of complex contested restructuring matters in large and mega bankruptcy cases as well as a wide-range of cases relating to restructuring matters litigated outside of the bankruptcy courts.

Ms. Barday has served on the Southern District of New York Magistrate Judge Selection Panel since 2017. She has also been recognized several times by The Legal Aid Society and others for her pro bono contributions.

Ms. Barday received a J.D. from Stanford Law School, holds an M.A. in political science from the City University of New York, and received her B.A. from Barnard College. She served as a law clerk to Second Circuit Court of Appeals Judge Rosemary S. Pooler and Southern District of New York Judge Colleen McMahon.

Ms. Barday will officially assume her duties in a private ceremony in early 2026.