

Welcome, Judge Ridgway!

Earlier today, Monday, May 20, Chief District Judge Michael J. Davis administered the oath of office to new Bankruptcy Judge Michael E. Ridgway.

Below is information on staffing and case assignment procedures implemented in the wake of Judge Ridgway's assumption of his official duties.

Judge Ridgway's Staff

Judge Ridgway will be assisted by Calendar Clerk Karen Krouch (karen_krouch@mn.uscourts.gov or 612-664-5261), who will handle all scheduling matters before Judge Ridgway, and Court Reporter Susan Newsom (susan_newsom@mn.uscourts.gov or 612-664-5211), who will handle requests for transcripts of any hearings or trials before him.

Judge Ridgway will chamber in the Minneapolis Courthouse, Suite 7W. He will hold hearings and trials in Courtroom 7 West. See the *Judges & Offices* tab on the court's website for additional information.

Case assignment in Minneapolis: pending cases

On Monday, May 20, 2013, all pending chapter 7 and 13 cases assigned to the fictional "Judge Number Five" will be automatically assigned to Judge Michael E. Ridgway. No email notice of the reassignment will be sent, but the reassignment will appear on the dockets of each affected case and proceeding.

All Judge Dreher's pending chapter 11 and 12 cases were reassigned among the other judges in the district shortly after her death, and therefore, there are no pending chapter 11 or 12 cases assigned to "Judge Number Five."

Case assignment in Minneapolis: new Chapter 13 cases

As has been the case since August 2012, all chapter 13 cases filed to the Minneapolis divisional office and in which Kyle Carlson is trustee will be assigned to Judge Kressel.

All chapter 13 cases filed to the Minneapolis divisional office and in which Jasmine Keller is trustee will be assigned randomly between Judges Sanberg and Ridgway, with each receiving approximately one half of the cases filed.

Case assignment in Minneapolis: new chapter 7 cases

All chapter 7 cases filed to the Minneapolis divisional office will be assigned randomly among Judges Sanberg, Ridgway and Kressel, with Judges Sanberg and Ridgway each receiving approximately two fifths of the cases filed and Judge Kressel receiving approximately one fifth of the cases filed.

Case assignment in Fergus Falls

Judge O'Brien will preside and Calendar Clerk Nancy Brill will handle scheduling of all Fergus Falls matters through Judge O'Brien's June 18 and 19 calendar.

ON JUNE 24, 2013, all pending Fergus Falls cases will be reassigned to Judge Ridgway. Judge Ridgway will preside and Calendar Clerk Karen Krouch will handle scheduling of all Fergus Falls matters beginning with Judge Ridgway's July 30 and 31 calendar and thereafter.

Case assignment in St. Paul and Duluth

No changes will be made to the case assignment processes currently in place in St. Paul and Duluth.