



**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT**

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March 29, 2010

A letter to the Bankruptcy Community:

**Re: New Chief Bankruptcy Judge - Northern District of Iowa**

Attached to this letter you will find the United States District Court, Northern District of Iowa's Public Administrative Order 10-AO-0002-P, appointing Bankruptcy Judge Thad J. Collins as Chief Bankruptcy Judge for the District, effective March 29, 2010. This appointment occurs concurrently with the fourteen-year appointment of Judge Collins as Bankruptcy Judge for the Northern District of Iowa. A copy of the Eighth Circuit order of appointment has also been attached for your reference.

Please join me in welcoming Chief Judge Collins to the Northern District!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sean F. McAvoy", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Sean F. McAvoy  
Clerk of Court

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF IOWA**

IN RE THE APPOINTMENT OF  
THAD JOSEPH COLLINS AS CHIEF  
BANKRUPTCY JUDGE FOR THE  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF IOWA,

**PUBLIC  
ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER**

No. 10-AO-0002-P

WHEREAS 28 U.S.C. Section 154(b) requires the appointment of a Chief Judge of the Bankruptcy Court to ensure that the rules of the Bankruptcy Court and of the District Court are observed and that the business of the Bankruptcy Court is handled effectively and expeditiously; and

WHEREAS the Honorable Thad Joseph Collins has consented to serve the Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Iowa in the capacity of Chief Judge;

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that effective March 29, 2010, Thad Joseph Collins is appointed Chief Bankruptcy Judge in the Northern District of Iowa. Judge Collins will succeed Chief Judge Paul J. Kilburg whose term will expire on March 28, 2010.

**IT IS SO ORDERED.**

**DATED** this 29<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2010.



**LINDA R. READE  
CHIEF JUDGE, U.S. DISTRICT COURT  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF IOWA**

**UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS**

**FOR THE**

**EIGHTH CIRCUIT**

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**ORDER**

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The United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit hereby appoints Thad Joseph Collins as United States Bankruptcy Judge for the District of Northern Iowa; said appointment to be for a fourteen-year term, commencing March 29, 2010.

United States Court of Appeals  
Eighth Circuit

By James B. Loken  
James B. Loken, Chief Judge

Dated: March 18, 2010

A true copy.

Attest:

Michael E. Gans  
Michael E. Gans, Clerk  
U.S. Court of Appeals, Eighth Circuit