## UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF INDIANA

## INFORMATION ON TRANSFER OF CASES PENDING BEFORE RETIRING JUDGES

Judge Frank J. Otte will transition from recall status into full retirement effective January 1, 2015. As a result, all of his cases will be transferred to other Judges.

Most of the transfers will occur 'in bulk' through an automated process but a few cases will be handled individually (if the need for Court action after January 1, 2015, becomes apparent before the case would be included in a bulk transfer). To ensure the smoothest transition possible for the bar and the Court, the transfers will be made over six months. The individual case transfer process has begun. The bulk transfer process will begin with some Indianapolis Division cases in mid-August and conclude with the transfer of any remaining Terre Haute Division cases on January 1, 2015. [All Terre Haute Division cases eventually will be reassigned to the judge who is appointed to replace Judge James K. Coachys, upon Judge Coachys' retirement September 30, 2014 ("New Judge").]

Judge Coachys' Indianapolis and Terre Haute Division matters will be assigned to New Judge, unless a conflict is identified. Some of the New Albany Division cases assigned to Judge Coachys will be transferred to Chief Judge Moberly, and the rest to New Judge.

Steps are being taken to avoid transfer of a case to a Judge who has a conflict on the case. However, particularly as to the cases transferred 'in bulk' through the automated process, some conflicts may not be identified. Therefore, if you receive notice of a case transfer to a new judge and believe the newly assigned judge has a conflict, please alert the Courtroom Deputy for the newly assigned judge immediately.

If you have any questions about the transfer process please contact the Clerk's office at 317-229-3800 or send a note to <u>Local\_Rules\_Comments@insb.uscourts.gov</u> and someone will contact you.

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/s/ <u>Kevin P. Dempsey</u> Clerk