

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF KENTUCKY**


**IN RE: APPOINTMENT OF CHIEF JUDGE  
OF THE UNITED STATES  
BANKRUPTCY COURT, WESTERN  
DISTRICT OF KENTUCKY**

**GENERAL ORDER  
NO. 24-09**

United States Bankruptcy Judge Alan C. Stout having elected to end his term as Chief Judge effective December 31, 2024, and the United States District Court having further considered the designation of a judge for the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Western District of Kentucky to serve as Chief Judge of said Court, pursuant to the provisions of and the authority granted by 28 U.S. Code § 154(b),

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that the Honorable Charles R. Merrill, United States Bankruptcy Judge for the Western District of Kentucky, be and hereby is designated to serve as Chief Judge of the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Western District of Kentucky, commencing January 1, 2025, and continuing for a period of seven (7) years or until further Order of this Court.

Dated: December 16, 2024

  
Greg N. Stivers, Chief Judge  
United States District Court

