**APPLICATION FOR POSITION OF**

**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY JUDGE**

**Middle District of Louisiana at Baton Rouge**

**PART I**

**Instructions:** *Use letter size paper in preparing* ***PART I*** *of the application. Type each question and place your answer immediately beneath it using single-space typing. A PDF version of* ***PART I*** *of the application must be emailed to* mlabankruptcy@ca5.uscourts.gov *by* ***FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2022****.*

(In response to any question, you may use continuation pages if necessary.)

**General**

1. Full name:
2. All other names by which you have been known:
3. Present occupation:

Title:

1. Office address:

City: State: Zip:

Preferred Telephone:

Preferred Email:

1. Residential address:

­­City: State: Zip:

1. Date of birth:
2. Are you a United States citizen? Yes: No:
3. Colleges and universities attended, dates, degrees, and class standing (if known).
4. Law school(s) attended, dates, degrees, and class standing (if known).
5. Military service: Yes: No:

If yes:

Branch:

Dates of service:

Rank or rate at discharge:

Type of discharge:

If you are currently a reserve or National Guard member, please indicate the service, branch, unit, and present rank.

1. Are you or any member of your household related by blood or marriage to a judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit or a member of the Judicial Council of that circuit, or to a judge of the District Court in which you would serve? Yes: No:

If so, please provide their names and the relationship.

Names:

Relationship:

**Honors and Scholarship**

1. Were you a member of the law review board? Yes: No:

If so, provide the name of the law review, the dates, and the position held.

1. List any legal books or articles written by you, giving citations and dates.
2. List any honors, prizes, or awards you have received.
3. Have you complied with all applicable continuing education requirements required to remain a member in good standing of your state bar(s) as of the date of this application? Yes: No:

If not, please explain.

1. List the five most significant continuing legal education courses completed within the last five years.
2. For the last five years, list any continuing legal education course you have taught or other public speaking engagements you have presented.

**Professional Admissions**

1. List all courts (including state bar admissions) and administrative bodies having special admission requirements in which you are presently admitted to practice, giving the dates of admission in each case and indicate if in current active and good standing.

Court or Administrative Body:

Date of Admission:

Active and Good Standing:

If not in good standing, please explain.

1. List any other professional certifications or designations and the dates of admission (e.g., certifications regarding specialties, CPA designation, or other financial certifications or licenses).

**Law Practice**

1. Have you actively practiced law for the last ten years? Yes: No:

If not, please explain.

1. State the name, dates, and addresses of all law firms with which you have been associated in practice and of all governmental agencies or private business organizations in which you have been employed. List all periods you have practiced as a sole-practitioner and list the same information as for any other prior practice:

Position:

Firm Address:

Dates:

1. Describe the general nature of your current practice including any legal specialties and the types of clients you represent. Additionally, if your practice is substantially different now than previously, please provide details or prior practice.
2. What percentage of your total law practice has been litigation oriented? \_\_\_\_\_%

Of that practice, what percentage was in the following forums?

Bankruptcy Courts \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_%

Other Federal Civil \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_%

State or Local Courts\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_%

Other\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_%

1. During the past five years, how frequently do you appear in court? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_times/month.

a. During the last 5 years, how frequently did you appear in the following forums?

 Bankruptcy \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_times/year

 Federal Courts\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ times/year

 State/Local Courts \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ times/year

 Administrative Proceedings \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ times/year

 Alternative Dispute Resolution \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ times/year

b. State the number of cases (including adversary proceedings and contested case hearings) you have tried in courts of record during each of the past five years, including whether you were solo, associate, or chief counsel.

Provide citations of any reported cases.

c. Identify ten opposing counsel against whom you have litigated over the past 5 years:

Name:

Firm & Address:

Phone Number:

1. Have you served as a trustee in bankruptcy matters? Yes: No:

If yes, provide the approximate number of such cases and list the more important matters in which you served.

Names:

Court:

1. Do you have any specialized bankruptcy experience other than the information provided above? Yes: No: If so, please explain.

**Public Office**

1. Have you ever run for or held public office? Yes: No:

If so, please explain.

**Prior Judicial Service**

1. Have you ever held judicial office or been a candidate for judicial office?

Yes: No:

If so, please state the courts involved and the dates of service or the dates of candidacy.

1. Other relevant service:

Have you ever served as an arbitrator, mediator, administrative law judge, or other type of agency judge? If so, please describe the general nature of the issues adjudicated and the numbers of hearings adjudicated.

**Business Involvement**

1. Since being admitted to the Bar, have you engaged in any occupation, business or profession other than the practice of law? Yes: No:

If so, please provide details, including dates.

1. State whether during the past five years you have received any fees, income, or compensation of any kind, other than for legal services rendered, from any business enterprise, institution, organization, or association of any kind. If so, identify the source of the fees, income or compensation; the nature of the business enterprise, institution, organization, or association involved; and the dates such compensation was paid.
2. If you are now an officer, director, or otherwise engaged in the management of any business or enterprise, state the name of such enterprise, the nature of the business, the nature of your duties, and whether you intend to resign such position immediately upon your appointment to judicial office.

**Professional and Other Activities**

1. List all bar associations and legal or other professional societies of which you are a member. Provide the titles and dates of any office you have held in such memberships and committees to which you belonged.
2. List all memberships in organizations and clubs (other than bar associations and professional societies identified in response to Question No. 33), during the past five years, including the titles and dates of any offices you have held in each.
3. Describe any civic, philanthropic, community, social, or public service activities during the past five years, including any posts or offices held and honors or awards received.

**Supplemental Information**

1. Do any clubs or private associations to which you belong or to which you have belonged in the last five years practice invidious discrimination or have a history of invidious discrimination on the basis of race, color, age (over 40), gender, religion, national origin, disability, or sexual orientation? Yes: No: If so, please explain.
2. State any achievements you have accomplished or actions you have taken demonstrating your commitment to equal justice under the law.
3. State any additional education or other experiences you believe qualify you to hold judicial office.
4. State any other pertinent information reflecting positively or adversely on you which you believe should be disclosed to the circuit court and the selection panel relating to your possible nomination as United States bankruptcy judge.
5. Why are you interested in becoming a United States bankruptcy judge?
6. Why should the merit selection panel recommend you to be selected to serve as the next bankruptcy judge?
7. What do you view as the challenges to being a successful United States bankruptcy judge?

**Personal and Judicial References**

1. List five individuals as references who are familiar with your abilities and personal character.

Name:

Address:

Phone:

1. Provide the names and current phone numbers of at least five, but no more than ten, persons (of whom not fewer than four must be lawyers not associated with you in the practice of law or in business) to serve as your character and professional ability references. State how long each has known you. Your references must have had adequate opportunities for observing your professional and general conduct and ability. Describe the nature of the relationship with non-law references.

Name:

Phone:

Period of Acquaintance:

Nature of Relationship:

1. Provide the names and current phone numbers of at least three persons who have worked for you and with you in a subordinate position.

Name:

Phone:

Work Relationship:

1. Other than judges with whom you had a prior law firm or business relationships, please provide the names and current phone numbers of five judges (of whom at least three must be active) before whom you have appeared recently and who you think have had the opportunity to observe your professional conduct and ability. If yours is a non-litigation practice, list such judges, if any, who have had an opportunity to observe you in bar association or other activities. Indicate those before whom you have appeared in court or other judicial bodies by inserting (A) before the name of the judge.

Name of Judge:

Court:

Phone:

Date and Nature of Most Recent Matter:

1. a. Have you previously applied for a bankruptcy judge position? Yes: No:

If yes, please list all positions applied for and the dates below.

 b. Were you interviewed by the bankruptcy judge merit selection panel?

 Yes: No:

**\*\*\* IMPORTANT \*\*\***

**You must complete Part II of the application. Part I and Part II of the application must not be combined and must be submitted as separate documents. The .pdf versions of Part I and Part II of the application must be emailed as separate documents. Incomplete applications will not be accepted.**

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Signature of Candidate: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_