



UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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LAURA TAYLOR SWAIN
Chief Judge

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**SOUTHERN DISTRICT BOARD OF JUDGES APPOINT HON. SEAN H. LANE TO SERVE AS
CHIEF JUDGE OF UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT EFFECTIVE AUGUST 1, 2026.**

The Board of Judges of the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York has appointed the Honorable Sean H. Lane to serve as the next Chief Judge of the United States Bankruptcy Court in the Southern District of New York.

Judge Lane has served on the bench of the Bankruptcy Court since September 7, 2010. Prior to his appointment, Judge Lane served as an Assistant United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York, including serving as the Chief of the Tax & Bankruptcy Unit of that Office.

He served as a law clerk for the Honorable Edmund V. Ludwig, United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, from 1991-92. Judge Lane also clerked for the Honorable Charles R. Richey, United States District Judge for the District of Columbia, from 1992-93. From 1993 through 1997, he practiced with the law firm of Baker Hostetler in Washington, D.C., and thereafter he served as a Trial Attorney in the Department of Justice, Civil Division, National Courts Section. During his time in the US Attorney's Office, he was awarded the Attorney General's Distinguished Service Award in 2005 and 2010 and the Henry L. Stimson Medal by the New York City Bar Association in 2008.

Judge Lane is a fellow of the American College of Bankruptcy, a member of the American Bar Council, and a member of the International Insolvency Institute. He has served as an Adjunct Professor at both New York University School of Law and Fordham Law School.

Judge Lane's Chief Judge appointment is effective as of August 1, 2026. He is replacing current Chief Judge for the U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Judge Martin Glenn, who has announced his intent to retire on September 30, 2026.

"Judge Lane has distinguished himself in government service in several capacities in the Department of Justice and, over the past fifteen years as a judge of the Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York," said Chief District Judge Laura Taylor Swain. "His mastery of case management and substantive law, his demeanor on the bench and his leadership qualities have earned him the deep respect of the bar and his colleagues. Although succeeding Chief Judge Glenn will be no small task, we are

confident that the Bankruptcy Court will continue to flourish in its leading national role in complex domestic and international matters as well as in its judicious attention to matters directly affecting residents and communities within the Southern District of New York. We are delighted that he is taking on this new phase of his exemplary service to the bench, bar and community.