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PRESS RELEASE

MICHAEL A. FAGONE IS SELECTED FOR THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT IN BANGOR, MAINE

BOSTON (February 5, 2015) — Chief Judge Sandra L. Lynch of the United States Court of Appeals for the First Circuit announced today that Michael A. Fagone has been selected to fill the upcoming vacancy in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Maine created by the announced retirement of Judge Louis H. Kornreich. Attorney Fagone will be appointed to the bankruptcy bench in the spring of 2015, upon FBI clearance. He will sit in Bangor, Maine.

Attorney Fagone received a Bachelor of Arts from Amherst College and a J.D. from the University of Maine School of Law, where he graduated first in his class. Attorney Fagone is currently a shareholder at Bernstein, Shur, Sawyer & Nelson, P.A., in Portland, Maine, where he is a member of the Business Restructuring and Insolvency Practice Group. He has a wide-range of experience in bankruptcy law, representing all parties in both chapter 7 and 11 proceedings, and engaging in commercial litigation in both federal and state courts. Attorney Fagone is currently a director of the American Bankruptcy Institute (“ABI”), a position he has held since 2012, and is actively involved with Maine’s division of ABI’s Credit Abuse Resistance

Education program, which provides financial literacy resources and classes to high school and college students. Attorney Fagone is also a member of the Maine Bar Association, New Hampshire Bar Association and Turnaround Management Association. Additionally, Attorney Fagone served the Maine community as a member of the Easter Seals of Maine, where he was Director from 2007 through 2012 and Chair from 2009 to 2010.

Chief Judge Lynch stated that “the bankruptcy courts of this country are enormously important and we are pleased to have such a talented and experienced attorney fill the position. The people of the District of Maine will benefit from this choice.”

Chief Judge Lynch also expressed her deep gratitude to the members of the Bankruptcy Merit Selection Panel, which was chaired by First Circuit Court of Appeals Judge William J. Kayatta, Jr. The members of the Panel were First Circuit Court of Appeals Judge Kermit V. Lipez, District Chief Judge Nancy Torresen, Bankruptcy Court Clerk Alec Leddy, George W. Kurr, Jr., Esq. of Gross, Minsky & Mogul, P.A. in Bangor, Maine, Darcie Beaudin, Esq. of Skelton, Taintor & Abbott in Auburn, Maine, and Susan J. Goldberg, Circuit Executive.