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Brent R. Wilson Selected as Bankruptcy Judge

BOISE – Chief United States District Judge David C. Nye and Chief United States Bankruptcy Judge Noah G. Hillen announced that the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals selected Boise attorney Brent R. Wilson to replace the late Joseph M. Meier as Bankruptcy Judge for the District of Idaho, effective October 6, 2025. The District of Idaho consists of 44 counties and is home to approximately two million residents. The federal courts in Idaho currently have two district judges, one senior district judge, two bankruptcy judges, and two magistrate judges.

Before his appointment to the bench, Judge Wilson was an associate and then equity partner from 2015 to 2025 at Hawley Troxell Ennis & Hawley LLP in Boise, Idaho. His practice focused on bankruptcy and bankruptcy-related matters representing secured and unsecured creditors, trustees, purchasers, and other parties in interest in bankruptcy cases throughout the nation but primarily in the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the District of Idaho. Previously, Judge Wilson worked as a judicial law clerk for Judge Jim D. Pappas of the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the District of Idaho from 2012 to 2015. Prior to moving to Idaho, Judge Wilson worked at a small bankruptcy firm in Chicago, Illinois where he primarily represented debtors in chapter 7 and chapter 11 cases.

From Princeton, Indiana, Judge Wilson graduated with a bachelor's degree from Indiana University and earned his Juris Doctor, cum laude, from the University of Illinois Chicago School of Law.

Judge Wilson said “It is an incredible honor to be selected as a bankruptcy judge. I am in this position because of the many people who have helped me on my way, personally and professionally. I’m grateful to all of them. Additionally, it is not lost on me that I’m tasked to succeed the irreplaceable Honorable Judge Joseph M. Meier. While it is not possible to replace Judge Meier, I am committed to follow his example of hard work, enthusiasm for the rule of law and bankruptcy law in particular, and to fully hear the parties that come before the Court with an open mind.”

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