

# Special Report

## Outstanding Bankruptcy Judges – 2010

Judge	District	Comments
Hon. Kevin J. Carey	District of Delaware Wilmington, DE	An outstanding jurist who keeps to principles of law and adroitly manages one of the busiest Chapter 11 dockets in the country. Presided over the Tribune, Nortek, and Spansion cases. In Spansion, handled a very acrimonious case with multiple litigations in a way that was fair and has promoted the progress of the case.
Hon. Robert D. Drain	Southern District of New York New York, NY	Presided over the successful modification and consummation of Delphi Corporation's reorganization plan, which commentators have called "an essential element" in the Chrysler and GM restructurings. Also handling the Frontier Airlines, Readers' Digest, and Star Tribune Chapter 11 reorganizations.
Hon. Rosemary Gambardella	District of New Jersey Newark, NJ	Presided over U. S. Mortgage, which involved a \$138 million fraud against Fannie Mae and credit unions. Other cases include Resorts International, Trump Taj Mahal, G-1 Holdings, and Kiwi Airlines. Unfailingly courteous, hard-working, and can be counted on to have read everything submitted prior to the hearing date.
Hon. Kevin R. Huennekens	Eastern District of Virginia Richmond, VA	Has been outstanding in Circuit City, showing a deep knowledge of debtor/creditor issues, and a willingness to accommodate case-sensitive schedules. Has written a number of important and thoughtful opinions on issues raised by the BAPCPA and not previously addressed within the Fourth Circuit or many other jurisdictions.
Hon. Ronald B. King	Western District of Texas San Antonio, TX	Presided over a very contentious, hotly litigated case with poise and excellent courtroom demeanor. Kept the case moving forward, and his management of the process ultimately facilitated a settlement that allowed the company to exit Chapter 11 within six months after the case was filed.
Hon. D. Michael Lynn	Northern District of Texas FortWorth, TX	A very smart and dedicated judge, with an excellent grasp of the Bankruptcy Code and the law. Manages cases well and is very accommodating to the needs of a particular case. Presided over such cases as Pilgrim's Pride, Grandview Water Disposal Services, TCP Corporation, and Margaux Westover Partners.
Hon. James M. Peck	Southern District of New York New York, NY	Simultaneous with presiding over Lehman Brothers' bankruptcy, presided over Charter Communications case, perhaps the largest and most complex prearranged bankruptcy ever attempted. Ambitious scope and expedited timeline of restructuring would not have been achieved without his extraordinary efforts.
Hon. Brendan L. Shannon	District of Delaware Wilmington, DE	Presided over SemGroup, Stallion Oil, Verasun, and Motorcoach. Keeps cases moving with humor, grace, and patience. Has ability to get to the salient points of very complicated situations. Rulings are always very well reasoned and well articulated. A very practical judge looking for the most practical solution.
Hon. Christopher S. Sontchi	District of Delaware Wilmington, DE	Presided over some of the largest cases this year, ranging from \$100 million to \$4.6 billion, including Visteon, Six Flags, Fairchild Corp., Goodys, Sun Times Media Group, Barzel Industries, Broadstripe, Proliance International, RathGibson, Inc., and Foothills Resources.
Hon. Mary F. Walrath	District of Delaware Wilmington, DE	Handled some of the largest cases in the country, including Hayes Lemmerz International; Qimonda North America Corp. and Qimonda Richmond; Magna Entertainment; Simmons Bedding Company; Pliant Corp.; Eddie Bauer Holdings; Protostar; Panolam Holdings; Ritz Camera Centers; and Crucible Materials Corp.
Hon. Peter Walsh	District of Delaware Wilmington, DE	An outstanding judge, sensible and fair in applying the law. Presided over many major cases, including Cooper-Standard Holdings, Masonite Corp., Magnachip Semiconductor, GSI Group, Indalex Holdings Finance, Merisant Worldwide, The Penn Traffic Company, and Norwood Promotional Products Holdings.
Hon. Gregg W. Zive	District of Nevada Reno, NV	Currently presiding over one of the largest gaming cases, Stations Casino, and recently presided over the successful restructuring of Herbst Gaming. Mindful of precedent, but very pragmatic in approach to the matters before him, as when he approved confirmation of one-day prepack of BlueBird a few years ago.