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Another ABC-Certified Specialist Is Appointed to the Bench

Jerry C. "Buddy" Oldshue, Jr. was sworn in as the newest bankruptcy judge in the Southern District of Alabama in an investiture ceremony held March 18, 2016, in the federal courthouse in Mobile, Ala. Presiding over the ceremony was Hon. Joel F. Dubina, senior circuit judge of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit. The oath of office was administered by Hon. William H. Steele, chief judge of the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Alabama. Numerous active and retired federal and state court judges were in attendance for the ceremony.

In addition to the comments offered by Judges Dubina and Oldshue, comments regarding the occasion and the accomplishments of Judge Oldshue were offered by Alabama Gov. Robert Bentley, R. Cooper Shattuck (general counsel University of Alabama system), Matthew Q. Tompkins (president of Rosen Harwood PA, Judge Oldshue's former law firm) and John Oldshue (Judge Oldshue's brother).

Judge Oldshue was born in Birmingham, Ala., in 1962, but was a lifelong resident of Tuscaloosa, Ala., until relocating to Mobile, Ala., to serve in his new role. Judge Oldshue's father, Dr. Jerry C. Oldshue, was a longtime professor at the University of Alabama, and his mother is a retired physician who enjoyed a long and successful practice in Tuscaloosa.

Judge Oldshue received his B.S. in mechanical engineering from the University of Alabama in 1985. He applied his engineering degree in positions with General Motors and BellSouth before returning to the University of Alabama for further educational pursuits. Judge Oldshue participated in the University's joint J.D. and M.B.A. program beginning in 1992 and finishing in 1995.

He was admitted to the Alabama State Bar in 1995 and was further admitted to practice before all of the U.S. District Courts in Alabama. Judge Oldshue began his private legal practice in

Tuscaloosa, Ala., with Hubbard, Smith, McIlwain and Brakefield in 1995, and later moved to Rosen Harwood, PA in 1999, where became a shareholder in 2001.



Hon. Jerry C.
"Buddy" Oldshue, Jr.

An ABI member since 1999, Judge Oldshue participated in the Tuscaloosa County Bar Association, Alabama State Bar, the American Bar Association (as a member of the Business Law Section), the Alabama Bar Association's Bankruptcy and Commercial Law Section (serving as president of this section in 2011), the Conference

on Consumer Finance Law and the Commercial Law League of America. While in private practice, Judge Oldshue became Board Certified in Creditor's Rights Law by the American Board of Certification. He is the second attorney from Rosen Harwood to serve as a bankruptcy judge in the state of Alabama. Hon. George Wright served as chief judge of the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Alabama after having joined Gordon Rosen and Bernard Harwood in forming Rosen Harwood in 1967.

In his comments at his investiture ceremony, Judge Oldshue noted his excitement at taking on the new challenge of transitioning from a successful and comfortable private practice to service as a bankruptcy judge in a city away from his lifelong home of Tuscaloosa. He explained his desire to meet a personal challenge to himself to do more to serve the community and the bar as a bankruptcy judge. Judge Oldshue will be missed at the firm, but he left a strong foundation in his practice, the firm is better from his time there, and Judge Oldshue will undoubtedly provide great service to those that come to his court in the Southern District of Alabama. **abi**

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