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Schaaf, ABC Certified Attorney, Appointed as a Bankruptcy Judge



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The American Board of Certification (ABC) announced that ABC-certified attorney **Gregory R. Schaaf** was appointed as a judge for the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of Kentucky in Lexington on Oct. 1, 2012. Judge Schaaf has been certified by the ABC in both business bankruptcy law in 2004 and consumer bankruptcy law in 2009.

Judge Schaaf brings a rich and diverse professional and civic background to the court. He attended Western Illinois University, where he received his B.B. in accounting and his B.S. in law enforcement administration with high honors. He received his J.D. from the University of Kentucky College of Law, where he was a member of the National Moot Court Team and the *Journal of Mineral Law and Policy*. He was also awarded the Order of the Court.

Prior to becoming a lawyer, he was a successful CPA with KPMG Peat Marwick LLP. During his legal practice, he worked in London as a solicitor and represented various international clients in corporate and real estate matters.

Immediately before becoming a judge, he was a partner with Bingham Greenebaum Doll LLP, where he was co-chair of the firm's Bankruptcy Practice Group. He legal practice focused on bankruptcy, workouts and commercial reorgani-



Hon. Gregory R. Schaaf

zations, as well as commercial transactions, particularly in the energy industry. Judge Schaaf contributes to the profession as a well-respected speaker and author on numerous bankruptcy and other debtor/creditor topics. Consequently, he was inducted as a Fellow in the 2010 class of the American College of Bankruptcy, one of the highest honors that a bankruptcy professional can receive.

Judge Schaaf is also active in several civic and charitable organizations, and he previously served as vice president and secretary of the Lexington Kentucky Humane Society, and president and treasurer of Prevent Child Abuse Kentucky. The ABC congratulates him on his well-deserved judicial appointment. **abi**

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