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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF CONNECTICUT

**STANDING ORDER RE: Order of Succession for the Chief Judge of
the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of
Connecticut**

In order to provide for the orderly succession to the position of Chief Judge of the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Connecticut, the Court hereby adopts these provisions, which are largely consistent with the provisions that govern designation of Chief United States District Judge as set forth under 28 U.S.C. § 136. Specifically, it is now ordered as follows:

1. The chief bankruptcy judge of the district shall be the bankruptcy judge in regular active service who is senior in commission of those judges who--
 - a) is sixty-four years of age or under;
 - b) has served for one year or more as a bankruptcy judge;and
 - c) has not served previously as chief judge.
2. In any case in which no bankruptcy judge meets the qualifications of paragraph (1), the youngest bankruptcy judge in regular active service who is sixty-five years of age or over and who has served as bankruptcy judge for one year or more shall act as the chief bankruptcy judge until

such time as another bankruptcy judge meets all the qualifications for chief judge under paragraph (1).

3. In any case under paragraph (2) in which there is no bankruptcy judge in regular active service who has served as a bankruptcy judge for one year or more, the bankruptcy judge in regular active service who is senior in commission and who has not served previously as chief bankruptcy judge shall act as the chief bankruptcy judge.
4. Except as provided in paragraph (6), the chief bankruptcy judge of the district appointed under paragraph (1) shall serve for a term of seven years and shall serve after expiration of such term until another judge is eligible under paragraph (1) to serve as chief bankruptcy judge of the district.
5. Except as provided in paragraph (6), a bankruptcy judge acting as chief bankruptcy judge under paragraph (3) or (4) shall serve until a bankruptcy judge has been appointed who meets the qualifications under paragraph (1).
6. Unless otherwise agreed to by the Chief United States District Judge and the bankruptcy judges of the district, no bankruptcy judge may serve or act as chief bankruptcy judge of the district after attaining the age of seventy years unless no other bankruptcy judge is qualified to

serve as chief bankruptcy judge of the district under paragraph (1) or is qualified to act as chief bankruptcy judge under paragraph (2).

7. The chief bankruptcy judge shall have precedence and preside at any session which he or she attends. Other bankruptcy judges shall have precedence and preside according to the seniority of their commissions. Judges whose commissions bear the same date shall have precedence according to seniority in age.
8. If the chief bankruptcy judge desires to be relieved of the duties as chief bankruptcy judge while retaining active status as bankruptcy judge, he or she may so certify to the Chief Judge of the United States District Court for the District of Connecticut, and thereafter, the chief bankruptcy judge of the district shall be such other bankruptcy judge who is qualified to serve or act as chief bankruptcy judge under paragraph (1).
9. If a chief bankruptcy judge is temporarily unable to perform the duties as such, those duties shall be performed by the bankruptcy judge in active service, present in the district and able and qualified to act, who is next in precedence.
10. If the judges of the district court determine that a chief bankruptcy judge will be unable to perform the duties of

chief for a prolonged period of time, or that a chief bankruptcy judge has not performed those duties in an appropriate fashion, the district court shall remove the chief bankruptcy judge, and replace that person with the bankruptcy judge in active service, present in the district, and able and qualified to act, who is next in precedence.

SO ORDERED.

Dated at Bridgeport, Connecticut this 1st day of September
2021.

/s/ Stefan R. Underhill
Stefan R. Underhill
Chief United States District Judge