

February 23, 2006

**U.S. BANKRUPTCY JUDGESHIP
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA**

Tentative Selection of Jean K. FitzSimon

In December 2005, a merit selection committee was appointed by the Judicial Council of the Third Circuit to recommend candidates for the vacant United States bankruptcy judgeship in the Eastern District of Pennsylvania seated in Philadelphia. Following the appointment of the committee, a public notice of the position vacancy was widely circulated to publicize the vacancy, applications were received, and interviews of applicants were conducted. Following its deliberations, the committee submitted a report and recommendations to the Judicial Council for the Third Circuit.

After considering the recommendations of the selection committee, the Judicial Council proceeded to conduct interviews with the leading candidates and then forwarded its recommendations for the bankruptcy judgeship vacancy to the appointing authority, the United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit.

Having considered the Judicial Council's recommendations, the United States Court of Appeals has found Jean K. FitzSimon, Senior Vice-President and General Counsel of Whitehall Jewellers, Inc., headquartered in Chicago, Illinois, to be most qualified and is, at present, considering appointment to the bankruptcy judgeship. This notice is intended to solicit written comments concerning the qualifications of Ms. FitzSimon for this position. Such comments will be accepted until **Friday, March 24, 2006** and should be addressed to:

Circuit Executive
22409 U.S. Courthouse
601 Market Street
Philadelphia, PA 19106-1721

Attention: Eastern District of Pennsylvania Bankruptcy Search Committee