

National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges
2023 Annual Report of the First Circuit Governor

The District of Maine

Peter Cary is a member of the First Circuit’s Workplace Conduct Committee, Access to Justice Committee (Bankruptcy Court Subcommittee), and the Observer Judge for the First Circuit Judicial Council. He is the Treasurer of the Maine State-Federal Judicial Counsel and an Advisory Director of the Nathan & Henry B. Cleaves Law Library in Portland, Maine.

Mike Fagone serves on the Judicial Conference of the United States Committee on Federal-State Jurisdiction and the First Circuit Judicial Council’s IT Committee.

The District of Massachusetts

Elizabeth Katz is the Chief Judge.

Chris Panos is a member of the Judicial Conference of the United States Committee on the Administration of the Bankruptcy System. While serving on that Committee, he is also the Liaison to the Committee on Court Administration and Case Management’s Subcommittee on Cameras and Broadcasting, and its Subcommittee on Reducing Bankruptcy Noticing Center Costs. He serves on the First Circuit’s Access to Justice Committee (Chair, Access to Justice Bankruptcy Court Subcommittee).

Janet Bostwick is a First Circuit Judicial Conference’s Post-Pandemic Operations Committee member.

The District of New Hampshire

Bruce Harwood is retiring from the bench on August 11, 2024. His successor will be Kimberly Bacher.

He continues to serve on the Bankruptcy Judges Advisory Group (“BJAG”), the American Bankruptcy Institute’s Board of Directors and its Executive

Committee until he retires. He is the First Circuit's representative on the Bankruptcy Judge Advisory Group and the Access Justice Committee (Bankruptcy Court Subcommittee).

The District of Rhode Island

Diane Finkle is the Chief Judge of the Bankruptcy Appellate Panel for the First Circuit.

The District of Puerto Rico

Enrique Lamoutte serves on the American College of Bankruptcy's Diversity Equity and Inclusion Committee.

Mildred Cabán was reappointed for another 14-year term. She continues to serve as a member of the Federal Judicial Center's Board of Directors, the FJC's Bankruptcy Judge Education Advisory Committee, and the CARE's Advisory Board. She is a member of the First Circuit Judicial Council Civics Outreach and Education Committee.

Edward A. Godoy serves on the First Circuit's IT Security Committee and is a member of the Access to Justice Bankruptcy Court Subcommittee.

María González worked on the 2024 Judges Workshop Planning Committee in New Hampshire in March.