



# American College of Bankruptcy

WASHINGTON, D.C.  
MARCH 14, 2014

***Whereas**, Judge Carolyn Dineen King was born in Syracuse, New York, graduated from Smith College, Summa Cum Laude (Class of 1959), and earned her law degree at Yale Law School (Class of 1962);*

***Whereas**, Judge King has served with distinction as a United States Court of Appeals Judge for the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals since 1979, including 7 years as Chief Judge (1999-2006) and authored important and precedent setting judicial decisions, including many construing the Bankruptcy Code and furthering the development of American bankruptcy law;*

***Whereas**, Judge King has had a most distinguished career as a practitioner, jurist and leader in the fields of bankruptcy, reorganization and cross-border insolvency, among others;*

***Whereas**, in one lifetime, Judge King has written hundreds of bankruptcy related opinions, including major opinions concerning adequate protection and cross border insolvency; attended the induction ceremony for virtually every bankruptcy judge in the Fifth Circuit for over 30 years; sat as a bankruptcy judge in Houston when the docket was overwhelmed in the late 1980's; written over 6,000 Fifth Circuit opinions on all subjects; aided the development of all law through leadership at the highest levels of the American Law Institute, contributed to the community by leadership at the highest levels of Houston colleges for (1) the liberal arts, (2) law and (3) medicine, and been awarded the highest honors for achievement by the American Bar Association and the Federal Judiciary;*

***Whereas**, Judge King served as Executive Committee Chair of the Judicial Conference of the United States (2002-2005), having been appointed to that position by the late Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist of the Supreme Court of the United States, who noted her "exceptionally creative and vigorous" service, her "effective" presiding over the group, and her ability to garner the "respect of [her] colleagues;"*

***Whereas**, Judge King received the 2007 American Judicature Society Edward J. Devitt Distinguished Service to Justice Award because of her "almost legendary... devotion to [her circuit's] needs" and for "her leadership of the Executive Committee of the [U.S.] Judicial Conference" as "the single most important figure in the [federal] judiciary, ...guiding the courts through the financial crisis of the last several years";*

***Therefore**, be it resolved unanimously by the Board of Directors of the American College of Bankruptcy that the Honorable Carolyn Dineen King be awarded the Distinguished Service Award of the American College of Bankruptcy.*

*Done at Washington, DC, this fourteenth day of March, 2014*

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D.J. (Jan) Baker  
Chair, Board of Directors

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Michael L. Cook  
President, Board of Directors