## Availability of a Bankruptcy Judgeship Position in the Southern District of Georgia at Savannah

The United States Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit seeks applications from all highly qualified candidates for a fourteen-year appointment as United States Bankruptcy Judge for the Southern District of Georgia at Savannah. The basic jurisdiction of a bankruptcy judge is specified in Title 28, United States Code and explained in Title 11, United States Code, as well as in 98 Stat. 344, Pub. L. 98-353, Title I, §120.

To be qualified for appointment an applicant must –

(a) Be a member in good standing of the bar of the highest court of at least one state, the District of Columbia, or the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico and a member in good standing of every other bar of which the applicant is a member.

(b) (1) Possess, and have a reputation for, integrity and good character; (2) possess, and have demonstrated, a commitment to equal justice under the law; (3) possess, and have demonstrated, outstanding legal ability and competence; (4) indicate by demeanor, character, and personality that the applicant would exhibit judicial temperament if appointed; and (5) be of sound physical and mental health sufficient to perform the essential duties of the office.

(c) Not be related by blood or marriage to (1) a judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit; (2) a member of the Judicial Council of the Eleventh Circuit; or (3) a judge of the district court to be served, within the degrees specified in section 458 of Title 28, United States Code, at the time of the initial appointment.

(d) Have been engaged in the active practice of law for a period of at least five years. The judicial council may consider other suitable legal experience as a substitute for the active practice of law.

The selection process will be confidential and competitive. The current annual salary is $160,080. Persons shall be considered without regard to race, color, age, gender, religion, national origin, or disability.

If you are interested in applying, please contact James P. Gerstenlauer, Circuit Executive, 56 Forsyth Street, NW, Atlanta, Georgia 30303 (404/335-6535), and an application form will be forwarded to you. Applications are also available on the Court's Website at *www.ca11.uscourts.gov* and from any Federal Clerk of Court in the states of Alabama, Florida, and Georgia. **Applications** must be submitted by potential nominees to the Circuit Executive's Office, and **must be received by 29 August 2012.** Email and fax copies of applications will not be accepted.