

BIOGRAPHY OF BARBARA J. HOUSER

Barbara Houser is the Chief United States Bankruptcy Judge in the Northern District of Texas. She received her undergraduate degree from the University of Nebraska with high distinction in 1975 and her doctor of laws from Southern Methodist University School of Law in 1978. She then joined Locke, Purnell, Boren, Laney & Neely in Dallas and became a shareholder there in 1985. In 1988 she joined Sheinfeld, Maley & Kay, P.C. as the shareholder-in-charge of the Dallas office and remained there until she was sworn in as a United States Bankruptcy Judge in 2000. While at Sheinfeld she led the firm's representation of clients in a variety of significant, national chapter 11 cases.

Judge Houser, who lectures and publishes frequently, is a past chairman of the Dallas Bar Association's Committee on Bankruptcy and Corporate Reorganization, is a member of the Dallas, Texas and American Bar Associations, and is a fellow of the Texas and American Bar Foundations. She served as a contributing author to *Collier on Bankruptcy* for many years and taught Creditors' Rights as a Visiting Professor at the SMU Dedman School of Law.

She was elected a fellow of the American College of Bankruptcy in 1994. In 1996, she was elected a conferee of the National Bankruptcy Conference, an organization of nationally recognized experts in bankruptcy. In 1998, the National Law Journal named her as one of the fifty most influential women lawyers in America. After becoming a bankruptcy judge, she joined the National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges and served as President in 2009-2010. In February, 2011 she received the Distinguished Alumni Award for Judicial Service from the SMU Dedman School of Law. She also received the 2014 William L. Norton Jr., Judicial Excellence Award for her continuing contributions to the insolvency community as a judge and scholar. Judge Houser currently serves as a member of the Executive Board of the SMU Dedman School of Law and is a member of the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors of the American Bankruptcy Institute.