



## **NOTICE OF CONSOLIDATION OF THE DISTRICT AND BANKRUPTCY COURTS**

On May 5, 2017, the President signed into law the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2017, an omnibus bill funding the Judiciary for fiscal year 2017. We are pleased to announce that the enactment of the bill provides the approval for the consolidation of the district and bankruptcy courts within the District of Vermont, satisfying the requirements under 28 U.S. C. § 156(d) for congressional approval.

The District of Vermont is proud to be one of six consolidated districts within the Judiciary. The consolidation of the two court units into one cohesive organization will contain costs, maximize the use of available resources, and ensure cross-training for all court personnel.

The District of Vermont is committed to becoming a model of small court efficiency for the entire federal Judiciary. Our consolidated court remains committed to our mission of providing the highest degree of courteous and professional service to the bar and the public whom we serve.

**CHRISTINA REISS**  
CHIEF JUDGE

**COLLEEN A. BROWN**  
U.S. BANKRUPTCY JUDGE

**JEFFREY S. EATON**  
CLERK OF COURT