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**Press Release: Selection of Heather Z. Cooper to Serve as Bankruptcy Judge in the District of Vermont**

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

**New York, March 9, 2022**—Chief Judge Debra Ann Livingston of the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit announced today that the Court of Appeals will appoint Heather Zubke Cooper as a United States Bankruptcy Judge for the District of Vermont in Burlington. Chief Judge Livingston stated, “We are very happy to welcome Heather Cooper to the bankruptcy bench. We are confident that she will serve with distinction, and we look forward to her contributions over many years to come.”

Ms. Cooper is a partner at Facey Goss & McPhee, P.C., a Vermont-based law firm, where she has practiced as an associate and then partner since 2006. Ms. Cooper has extensive and diverse bankruptcy law experience, with over twenty years of experience in the financial and restructuring industry, representing individual and corporate debtors and creditors in loan workouts and restructurings, liquidations, foreclosures, litigation, seizures, and receiverships. Ms. Cooper served as the Bankruptcy Law Section Chair of the Vermont Bar Association from 2014 to 2018 and on various task forces for the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Vermont since 2011.

Ms. Cooper previously served as a law clerk for former Bankruptcy Judge Colleen A. Brown (she now succeeds Judge Brown). Prior to her clerkship, Ms. Cooper practiced with the law firms Murphy & King, P.C., and Dunn, Kacal, Adams, Pappas & Law, P.C. Before entering private practice, Ms. Cooper served as a briefing attorney to Justice David L. Richards of the Texas Court of Appeals, Second District.

Ms. Cooper is a magna cum laude graduate of South Texas College of Law and a graduate of the University of Houston.

Ms. Cooper will officially assume her duties on March 14, 2022, in a private ceremony.