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Press Release: Selection of Timothy P. Lyster to Serve as Bankruptcy Judge in the Western District of New York

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

New York, May 29, 2026—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 Timothy P. Lyster as a United States Bankruptcy Judge for the Western District of New York in Rochester. Chief Judge Livingston stated, "We are thrilled to welcome Mr. Lyster to the Western District bankruptcy bench. Mr. Lyster's varied and extensive bankruptcy experience, both as a law clerk in the Western District of New York Bankruptcy Court and as a bankruptcy practitioner, coupled with his exceptional reputation among the Western District of New York bankruptcy bar, make him an ideal addition to this excellent bench. We look forward to working with Mr. Lyster for many years to come."

Mr. Lyster is a partner at Woods Oviatt Gilman LLP and is the practice leader of the firm's bankruptcy and financial reorganization group. He has extensive bankruptcy law experience, including with complex Chapter 11 matters, plan confirmations, secured financing, asset sales, commercial loan restructuring matters, and enforcement proceedings. Mr. Lyster also has broad experience in the litigation of discovery disputes in federal court and claims for fraudulent transfer, breach of contract, and other commercial matters in the New York State Courts. Before joining Woods Oviatt Gilman in 2014, Mr. Lyster served as a law clerk to Western District of New York Bankruptcy Judges Paul R. Warren, Michael J. Kaplan, and John C. Ninfo. Prior to his time at the Western District of New York Bankruptcy Court, Mr. Lyster was in private practice at a boutique litigation firm in New York City.

Mr. Lyster has served as the head of various professional and community organizations and has been recognized for his pro bono work by the Western District of New York.

Mr. Lyster received a J.D. from St. John's University School of Law and a B.S. in business and economics, magna cum laude, from Lehigh University.

Mr. Lyster will officially assume his duties in a private ceremony this summer.