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James B. Loken, Chief Judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit, announced today that the court has appointed Charles E. Rendlen, III of Columbia, Missouri as a United States Bankruptcy Judge for the Eastern District of Missouri. Judge Rendlen replaces Bankruptcy Judge James J. Barta, who retired on January 31, 2006. Judge Rendlen will be in Suite 7.159, Thomas F. Eagleton United States Courthouse, 111 South 10th Street, in St. Louis, Missouri.

Originally from Hannibal, Missouri, Judge Rendlen and his wife Susie have one daughter, Lindsey Rendlen-Patton and son-in-law, Chris Patton of Columbia, Missouri. Judge Rendlen graduated from Hannibal High School in 1968; received a BS in Business Administration from William Jewell College in 1972; and a J.D. from the University of Missouri in 1976. He was an Associate from 1976-1979, a Partner from 1979-1991 and Managing Partner from 1991-2003 with The Rendlen Law Firm, P.C.. In Hannibal, Missouri. He was the United States Trustee for Arkansas, Missouri and Nebraska region from 2003 before being appointed to the bench.

Judge Rendlen is a member of The Missouri Bar, American Bar Association, American Bankruptcy Institute, National Association of Bankruptcy Trustees and Tenth Judicial Circuit Bar Association. He is a board member of Kid's Chance of Missouri.

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