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Press Release: Benjamin H. Torrance Selected to Serve as United States Bankruptcy Judge in the Southern District of New York (Manhattan)

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

New York, September 9, 2026—Chief Judge Raymond J. Lohier, Jr., of the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit announced today that the Court of Appeals has selected Benjamin H. Torrance as a United States Bankruptcy Judge for the Southern District of New York in Manhattan. Chief Judge Lohier stated, “We are excited to welcome Mr. Torrance to the Southern District bankruptcy bench. Mr. Torrance is a devoted public servant whose exceptional legal acumen and intellect and demonstrated commitment to the fair administration of justice will be a strong asset to the bench. We look forward to working with Mr. Torrance for many years to come.” Mr. Torrance will officially assume his duties in a private ceremony this fall.

Mr. Torrance is currently the Chief Appellate Attorney in the Civil Division of the United States Attorney’s Office for the Southern District of New York. He has served as an Assistant United States Attorney in the Southern District of New York since 2002. During his time in the Office, Mr. Torrance has developed extensive experience in substantive, evidentiary, and procedural issues across many areas of law.

Mr. Torrance has served as a member of the Department of Justice’s Appellate Chiefs Working Group, which provides recommendations regarding the Department’s legal policies and procedures and helps to formulate the government’s proposals for the Federal Rules, potential legislation, and internal guidance on litigation matters. He has received numerous awards for his performance in the United States Attorney’s Office, including the Attorney General’s John Marshall Award, two Executive Office Director’s Awards for Superior Performance by an Assistant United States Attorney, and the Henry L. Stimson Medal from the New York City Bar Association.

Mr. Torrance received a J.D. from Columbia Law School and an A.B. from Harvard College. Mr. Torrance served as a law clerk to D.C. Circuit Judge Merrick Garland and Southern District of New York Judge Jed Rakoff.