

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE

For Immediate Release

Memphis, Tennessee (November 8, 2021) – The Honorable Jennie D. Latta, Chief Judge, United States Bankruptcy Court for the Western District of Tennessee announced today that the United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit has appointed Denise E. Barnett as a United States Bankruptcy Judge for the Western District of Tennessee, and that Judge Barnett took the oath of office on November 8, 2021.

Before her judicial appointment, Judge Barnett served as a Trial Attorney with the Department of Justice, United States Trustee Program since June 2002. From 1997 through 2002, Judge Barnett was an attorney in private practice, at Pinkston & Pinkston, P.A. and Smith Hulsey & Busey, respectively, in Jacksonville, Florida. Judge Barnett began her career as a bankruptcy professional when she served as a Judicial Law Clerk to the Honorable George L. Proctor, Chief Judge Emeritus, United States Bankruptcy Court, Middle District of Florida, Jacksonville Division, from 1995 through 1997. Judge Barnett also taught as an adjunct professor at Florida Community College at Jacksonville, University of North Florida, and Florida Coastal School of Law from fall 1996 through summer of 2000.

Judge Barnett completed her undergraduate studies at John Jay College of Criminal Justice, City University of New York, earning a Bachelor of Science in Legal Studies in September 1990. She attended William Mitchell College of Law (now known as Mitchell Hamline School of Law) in St. Paul, Minnesota, where she earned her Juris Doctorate in June 1995. During law school, Judge Barnett served as a staff member and an editor of the *William Mitchell Law Review*, 1993-1995. Judge Barnett is a member of the State Bars of Florida and Minnesota. She

is a member of several voluntary bar associations. Judge Barnett served as a member of the Board of Directors of the Tampa Bay Bankruptcy Bar Association (TBBBA), specifically working with Judicial Liaison Committee for the TBBBA (2016-2021), and served on the Middle District of Florida District Wide Steering Committee for terms commencing January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2019. Judge Barnett served as a speaker for several continuing legal education seminars and training programs.