

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE

For Immediate Release

Memphis, Tennessee (October 19, 2020)– The Honorable David S. Kennedy, 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 M. Ruthie Hagan, formerly of Baker, Donelson, Bearman, Caldwell & Berkowitz, P.C. as a United States Bankruptcy Judge for the Western District of Tennessee, and that Judge Hagan took the oath of office on October 16, 2020.

Before her judicial appointment, Judge Hagan served in the Bankruptcy and Commercial Restructuring group of Baker, Donelson, Bearman, Caldwell & Berkowitz, P.C. While there, she primarily handled sophisticated business workouts and complex commercial bankruptcy. Prior to joining Baker, Donelson, Bearman, Caldwell & Berkowitz, P.C. in 2010, Judge Hagan practiced bankruptcy law at the law firm of Bass, Berry & Sims, PLC in Memphis, Tennessee as an associate attorney from 2007 to 2009, and from 2004 to 2007 as an associate attorney with Quattlebaum, Grooms, Tull & Burrow, PLLC in Little Rock, Arkansas.

Judge Hagan graduated with honors from the University of Arkansas School of Law where she served as Managing Editor of the *Arkansas Law Review* and was the recipient of the American Bankruptcy Institute Medal of Excellence. She has a master's degree in Higher Education (University of Arkansas) and a Bachelor of Science degree in Chemistry (University of Kansas).

Judge Hagan serves as Co-Chair of the Bankruptcy Section of Memphis Bar Association, Director of the Memphis Bar Association, Executive Council Member of the Tennessee Bar Association Bankruptcy Section, Director of the Mid-South Commercial Law Institute, member of the American Bankruptcy Institute, and was named to Mid-South Rising Stars in Bankruptcy & Creditor/Debtor Rights for several years.