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## Judge Nail Appointed Chief Judge of Eighth Circuit Bankruptcy Appellate Panel

The Eighth Circuit Judicial Council has appointed Judge Nail as the Chief Judge of the Eighth Circuit Bankruptcy Appellate Panel for a one-year term commencing January 1, 2021.

## **Nationwide Filings Lowest in 35 Years**

According to figures recently released by Epiq, 529,068 bankruptcy cases were filed in the United States in 2020, the lowest number of nationwide bankruptcies since 1986. South Dakota bankruptcy filings decreased by 15 percent in 2020, though more chapter 12 cases were filed last year in South Dakota than in any year since 1999.

The states with the most per capita bankruptcy filings in 2020 were Alabama, Delaware, Tennessee, Nevada, and Mississippi. Alaska had the fewest per capita filings in 2020, followed by Vermont, Massachusetts, Maine, and New Hampshire.

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