

**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
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June 15, 2017

CLERK'S NOTICE 17-02

**NOTICE REGARDING PRELIMINARY DESIGNATION
OF CHIEF JUDGE HOUSER
AS LEAD JUDICIAL MEDIATOR IN PUERTO RICO INSOLVENCY CASES**

Chief Judge Barbara Houser has been designated, on a preliminary basis, through the intercircuit assignment procedures of the Judicial Conference of the United States, to serve as the lead judicial mediator in four cases pending under Title III of PROMESA, 48 U.S.C. § 2161, in the District of Puerto Rico. Once her designation is finally approved, Chief Judge Houser will lead a distinguished team of sitting federal judges who will be available to facilitate confidential settlement negotiations in those cases.

Given this intercircuit assignment and designation, the bankruptcy judges of the Northern District of Texas have conferred and agree that substantially all of Chief Judge Houser's docket in the Northern District of Texas will be heard, on at least an interim basis, by one or more of them while Chief Judge Houser assesses the time commitment required by her new assignment and designation. To the extent a current setting is required to be reset, Chief Judge Houser's courtroom deputy will be in touch with you to reschedule that matter. If Chief Judge Houser's courtroom deputy does not contact you, the matter will be heard as currently scheduled by either Chief Judge Houser or one of her colleagues. If the location of your scheduled hearing changes, you will be notified, in advance, or the change will be posted on the door of Chief Judge Houser's courtroom.

The bankruptcy judges of the Northern District of Texas appreciate your cooperation and understanding as they work through this transition.

FOR THE COURT
Jed G. Weintraub
Clerk of Court