

# JUDGE MICHAEL J. MELLOY

## U.S. COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE EIGHTH CIRCUIT

Judge Michael Joseph Melloy holds the distinction of being the first U.S. Court of Appeals Judge for the Eighth Circuit to have served as both a U.S. district judge and a U.S. bankruptcy judge.

This breadth of experience in the law, coupled with his 12 years of litigation in private practice, has given him a uniquely solid background to serve on the appellate court.

As stated in his senior resolution, he is productive, collegial, and fair minded, and is an attentive listener and fluid writer. These traits of a good judge and colleague and his unique background have served him and the Court well.

In addition to his work on the bench, Judge Melloy has played a vital role in the administration of justice and the federal court system on a national level. He served as a member and chair of the Judicial Conference of the United States Committee on the Administration of the Bankruptcy



System and as a member of the Committee on Space and Facilities. He was on the Board of the Federal Judicial Center and its Committee on Appellate Judge Education, of which he also served as chair. In addition, he served on the District Judges Advisory Group to the United States Sentencing Commission.

On the circuit level, he has served on the Eighth Circuit Judicial

Council not only as a circuit judge but as a bankruptcy judge representative on the Bankruptcy Committee. He also worked on the Eighth Circuit Committee on Uniform Pattern Jury Instructions and Gender Bias Task Force, and had an active role in planning the Cedar Rapids courthouse.

Active in professional associations, he served on the Board of the Federal Judges Association and as a member of the National Council of Bankruptcy Judges and the Dean Mason Ladd Inn of Court. In 2007 he was honored as a Fellow of the American College of Bankruptcy.

# U.S. BANKRUPTCY JUDGE



Michael Joseph Melloy was born on January 15, 1948, in Dubuque, Iowa. He graduated cum laude from Loras College in Dubuque with a Bachelor of Arts degree in economics in 1970. From 1970 to 1972 he served two years in the United States Army and then continued to serve in the Army Reserves until 1976. While in the Reserves, he graduated with his Juris Doctor degree, with high distinction, from the University of Iowa College of Law in Iowa City in 1974.

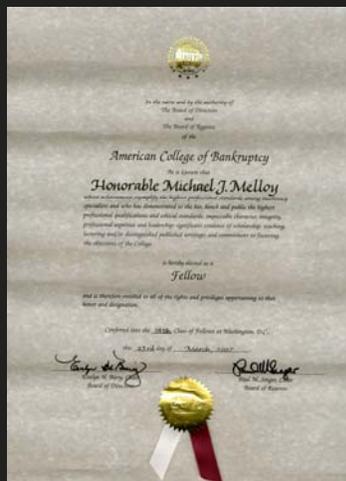
After law school, he met Jane Anne Knapp in Dubuque. They married and had three daughters, Jennifer, Katherine, and Bridget.

From 1974 until 1986, Melloy practiced general, civil, and commercial litigation in the Dubuque firm O'Connor, Thomas, Wright, Hammer, Bertsch and Norby (later O'Connor & Thomas, P.C.), becoming a partner and shareholder.

In January 1986, Melloy was appointed U.S. Bankruptcy Judge for the Northern District of Iowa, succeeding Judge William Thinnies. He was the only judge on the Court during the height of the farm crisis and held court in Cedar Rapids, Dubuque, Waterloo, Mason City, Fort Dodge, and Sioux City. When Judge William L. Edmonds was appointed to a new seat in August 1987, Judge Melloy became chief judge, a position he held until his appointment to the district court.

*Above, middle:* Iowa's U.S. Bankruptcy Judges from 1987 to 1992. L-R: Michael J. Melloy, N.D. Iowa Chief Judge; Lee M. Jackwig, S.D. Iowa Chief Judge; Russell J. Hill, S.D. Iowa; William L. Edmonds, N.D. Iowa.

*Left:* Certificate recognizing Judge Melloy's election as a Fellow of the American College of Bankruptcy, 2007.



# U.S. DISTRICT JUDGE

After six years of dedicated service on the bankruptcy court, Judge Melloy was nominated by President George H.W. Bush to serve as a U.S. District Judge for the Northern District of Iowa. Judge Melloy received his commission on August 17, 1992, succeeding Judge David R. Hansen and joining Senior Judge Edward J. McManus, Senior Judge William C. Hanson, and Judge Donald E. O'Brien. Judge Melloy became chief judge shortly thereafter, when Judge O'Brien took senior status on December 30, 1992, and served in that capacity until 1999. He continued on the Court until 2002, when he was elevated to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit.



Judge Melloy's informal swearing in as U.S. District Judge for the Northern District of Iowa, August 18, 1992.

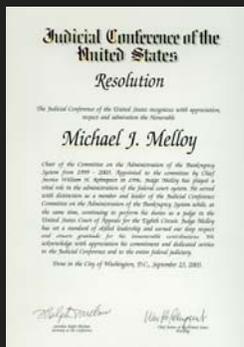
*Left:* Judge Melloy is sworn in by Circuit Judge David R. Hansen.

*Right, top:* Judge Melloy signs his oath of office as Judge Hansen, wife Jane Anne, and father William Melloy look on.

*Right, bottom:* Judges from the Northern District of Iowa at Judge Melloy's swearing in. L-R: Bankruptcy Judge William L. Edmonds, District Judge Donald E. O'Brien, District Judge Michael J. Melloy, Circuit Judge David R. Hansen (formerly N.D. Iowa District Judge).

# U.S. COURT OF APPEALS JUDGE

Judge Melloy's excellent work on the Northern District of Iowa Bankruptcy and District Courts did not go unnoticed. He was nominated by President George W. Bush to succeed Judge George G. Fagg on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit on September 4, 2001. He was unanimously confirmed by the Senate on February 11, 2002, and received his commission on February 14, 2002. Chief Judge David R. Hansen, whose seat he had succeeded on the district court, presided at his investiture. Judge Melloy took senior status on February 1, 2013.



U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit, 2010. Seated L-R: Judges C. Arlen Beam, Myron H. Bright, William Jay Riley (Chief), Roger L. Wollman, James B. Loken, David R. Hansen. Standing L-R: Judges Bobby E. Shepherd, Raymond W. Gruender, LavenSKI R. Smith, Kermit E. Bye, Diana E. Murphy, Michael J. Melloy, Steven M. Colloton, Duane Benton.



Federal Judicial Center Board and Director, 2015-2016. Seated L-R: Michael J. Melloy, Eighth Circuit; Curtis L. Collier, E.D. Tennessee; Chief Justice John G. Roberts, Jr., Supreme Court; Kimberly J. Mueller, E.D. California; Jeremy D. Fogel, N.D. California, Federal Judicial Center Director. Standing: Kent A. Jordan, Third Circuit; Jonathan W. Feldman, W.D. New York; Coleman Ray Mullins, N.D. Georgia; Catherine C. Blake, D. Maryland; James C. Duff, Administrative Office Director.

*Above, left:* Documents recognizing Judge Melloy's service on the Judicial Conference of the United States. *Left document:* Resolution, member (1996-2003) and chair (1999-2003) of the Committee on the Administration of the Bankruptcy System. *Right document:* Certificate, Committee on Space and Facilities (2009-2016).