**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT** NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA 99 South E Street Santa Rosa, California 95404

ALAN JAROSLOVSKY Bankruptcy Judge Telephone (707) 547-5900

May 16, 2016

Dear Northern California Bankruptcy Professional:

For more than 25 years, our Bench-Bar Liaison Committee has served as a forum in which the judges and the bar can work together to improve the quality of practice in our district and the manner in which court business is conducted. In recent years, the Committee has worked with the judges and the court on projects related to local rules, the implementation of electronic filing, pro bono efforts, legal education for new practitioners, and the court's participation in the Northern District Judicial Conference. In addition, the Committee has acted as an intermediary between individual attorneys and the court to resolve difficulties. Those of us who have served as chief judge consider an active Committee to be a vital element in enabling us to fulfill our statutory duty to ensure that the business of the court is handled effectively and expeditiously.

There are four upcoming lawyer vacancies on the Committee. I urge each of you who may have an interest in improving the court and the willingness to devote some of your time to consider applying. A lot will be expected of you, but in return you will have access to all of the judges, both in formal meetings and social occasions, and your opinions and advice will be solicited and very seriously considered in matters relating to bankruptcy practice in this district.

Prospective Committee members should review the requirements and selection criteria of General Order No. 15. Trustees and employees of the U.S. Trustee are eligible to apply. Applicants must commit to participate in six to eight Committee meetings each year during their membership term and to otherwise actively further the Committee's mission. To apply for a position on the Committee, please send a letter of interest along with a current resume or curriculum vitae to the Committee Co-Chairs for 2015-16, Lisa Lenherr (ll@tiemlaw.com) and Michael Lauter (mlauter@sheppardmullin.com), by June 14, 2016.

Thank you for considering this request.

Very truly yours,

U.S. Bankruptcy Judge