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Signature Resolution Welcomes Hon. Christopher S. Sontchi (Ret.) to Our Panel of Neutrals

Former Chief Judge brings clarity to complex financial disputes and the persistence to carry parties to agreement.

HOCKESSIN, DE (November 9, 2026) — Signature Resolution is proud to announce that Hon. Christopher S. Sontchi (Ret.) has joined our panel of neutrals, where he will serve as a mediator, arbitrator, special master, and fiduciary in bankruptcy, commercial litigation, and mass tort matters. A former Chief Judge of the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware, Judge Sontchi knows how complex financial disputes unfold, where they stall, and what it takes to settle them.

That hard-earned understanding shapes how he works at the table. Judge Sontchi begins with the parties' goals rather than their opening positions. He is forthright about the weaknesses in each side's case and the cost of carrying it through litigation. He also draws on years of teaching to make intricate financial and legal issues accessible to the clients who must decide them. Each party receives a full hearing, and once an agreement starts to take shape, he keeps the process moving toward a final deal.

Judge Sontchi began his career as a law clerk at the Delaware Supreme Court before joining Ashby & Geddes, where he built a bankruptcy litigation practice over more than a decade. In 2006, he was appointed to the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware, where he served for sixteen years and led the court as Chief Judge from 2018 to 2021. His docket centered on major corporate reorganizations, and the state-law questions embedded in them gave him broad command of commercial litigation. He trained as a mediator early in his career and mediated for fellow judges while on the bench.

"Judge Sontchi brings clarity to disputes that often feel impossibly complex, and he does it with patience and candor," said Dario Higuchi, founder and Chief Executive Officer of Signature Resolution. "We are proud to welcome him to our panel."

Today, Judge Sontchi sits part-time as an International Judge on the Singapore International Commercial Court. He also consults for the World Bank Group, training judges abroad on restructuring, and teaches corporate reorganizations as a Lecturer in Law at the University of Chicago Law School. He has testified before Congress on safe harbors for financial contracts. Judge Sontchi is a Fellow of the American College of Bankruptcy, a founding member of the Judicial Insolvency Network, and a recipient of the Judicial Service Award from the Association of Insolvency and Restructuring Advisors.

Judge Sontchi earned his Juris Doctor from the University of Chicago Law School and his Bachelor of Arts from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

To learn more about Hon. Christopher S. Sontchi (Ret.), please visit: LINK

About Signature Resolution

Founded in 2017 in the heart of Los Angeles, Signature Resolution comprises a panel of distinguished neutrals hailing from diverse backgrounds, including respected judges and trial attorneys specializing in virtually every civil practice area. The founding partners inaugurated the organization with a vision of providing the highest level of service and convenience for attorneys and their clients. Signature Resolution's panelists offer unrivaled expertise and commitment to resolve even the most challenging legal matters. In addition to the Los Angeles location, Signature Resolution also has offices across California. For more information about the firm's mediation, arbitration, and other dispute resolution services, visit signatureresolution.com.