

THE HONORABLE ALAN S. TRUST
United States Bankruptcy Judge for the Eastern District of New York

The Honorable Alan S. Trust ascended to the bench on April 2, 2008, and sits in the Eastern District of New York. He is an adjunct professor of law at the St. John's University School of Law, a past Chair of the Bankruptcy Law Section of the Federal Bar Association, a member of the Board of Directors of that Section, and has served as the CLE Committee chair. He is also President of the Eastern District of New York Chapter of the Federal Bar Association, and serves as CLE Committee co-chair. He is a member of the Editorial Board of the American Bankruptcy Institute *Journal*, is a coordinating editor for the *Journal*, and for several years has had responsibility for the *Dicta* column. He is also a member of the American Bankruptcy Institute and the National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges.

During his tenure on the bench, Judge Trust has been designated by the Second Circuit Court of Appeals to mediate cases in the Southern District of New York and to sit in the District of Connecticut bankruptcy court. Judge Trust also serves on the Judiciary Data Working Group under the auspices of the Administrative Offices of the United States Courts.

Judge Trust is a frequent speaker and author for numerous CLE events and seminars, addressing bankruptcy, mediation and ethics issues. He is a trained mediator, and was instrumental in the creation of a Pro Bono Mediation Program and the formation of the Consumer Lawyer Advisory Committee adopted by the Bankruptcy Court for Eastern District of New York.

Judge Trust attended Syracuse University, graduating summa cum laude in 1981, and as a member of Phi Beta Kappa. He attended New York University School of Law, where he served on the Law Review from 1982-83, and graduated cum laude in 1984. After graduation, he relocated to Dallas, Texas to begin his law practice. Judge Trust opened his own law firm (Trust.Law.Firm, P.C.) in Dallas in December 1995, and managed that firm until appointed to the bench.