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**RETIRED U.S. BANKRUPTCY JUDGE JOHN PEARSON  
JOINS ADORNO & YOSS LAW FIRM**

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Miami – FL - February 9, 2010 — The Honorable John K. Pearson, a retired United States Bankruptcy judge for the District of Kansas and a former designee to the Bankruptcy Appellate Panel for the Tenth Circuit, has joined the law firm of Adorno & Yoss LLP, the nation's largest certified minority-owned law firm, as Partner.

“Judge Pearson is a highly accomplished bankruptcy attorney that for 14 years was a well respected and popular member of the bankruptcy judiciary,” said Charles M. Tatelbaum, Chair of the national Creditors' Rights, Bankruptcy and Secured Transactions department of Adorno & Yoss. “Judge Pearson’s exemplary career in private practice, government and academia is second to none. We are honored that he has joined the firm.”

As a Partner in the firm’s Creditors’ Rights, Bankruptcy and Secured Transactions department, Judge Pearson will participate in leading complex bankruptcy matters for Adorno & Yoss clients across the U.S., and will be added to the leadership of the firm’s bankruptcy appellate practice as well. His expertise includes debt restructuring, workouts, bankruptcy reorganization and complex litigation. After retiring from the bankruptcy bench and prior to

joining the firm, he was a successful private practitioner handling bankruptcy reorganization and uniform commercial code litigation matters.

From 1986 to 2000, Judge Pearson was a United States Bankruptcy Court Judge for the District of Kansas in Wichita (from 1991 - 92, he was designated to sit in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Colorado). He also served on the Tenth Circuit Bankruptcy Appellate Panel from 1995 - 2000. From 2008 to date, he has served as an Adjunct Professor for the University of Kansas School of Law dealing with Secured Transactions.

Judge Pearson has contributed his time and valuable experience to some of the bankruptcy industry's leading professional organizations. For the National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges, he served as Secretary from 1999-2000; Co-editor and editor of the *Conference News* from 1988-2000; Member Editorial Board and Associate Editor from 1996-1999 for the *American Bankruptcy Law Journal*; and a Member of the Board of Directors from 1991-94. He is a Charter Fellow and served on the Tenth Circuit Nominating Committee from 1990-1996 of the American College of Bankruptcy. For the American Bankruptcy Institute, he served as Secretary for 1991-95; a Member of the Board of Directors from 1988-1996 and a Member of the Executive Committee from 1989-1994.

Judge Pearson is admitted to practice in Kansas state and federal courts, Ninth and Tenth Circuits and the United States Supreme Court. He received his Juris Doctorate from the University of California, Hastings College of Law.

## **ABOUT THE FIRM**

Adorno & Yoss LLP is the nation's largest certified minority-owned law firm, with over 260 professionals in all major metropolitan centers. The firm is ranked 147 on the list of top 250 national law firms by the National Law Journal. Adorno & Yoss provides a full range of legal services to corporations ranging from Fortune 500 and publicly traded companies to major insurance organizations as well as governments and individuals. In 2005 and 2007, the Firm received the prestigious Thomas L. Sager Award for the South/Southwest Region. The award is presented annually by the Minority Corporate Counsel Association to the firm that has demonstrated an incessant commitment to improve the hiring, retention and promotion of minority attorneys. For more information, please visit [www.adorno.com](http://www.adorno.com).