



CHIEF JUDGE MAUREEN A. TIGHE

The Honorable Maureen A. Tighe was appointed a United States Bankruptcy Judge on November 24, 2003 by the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, and she was appointed to a second 14-year term in November 2017. She became the Central District's Chief Bankruptcy Judge on January 1, 2019.

Judge Tighe hails from New Jersey where she obtained her B.A. from Douglass College of Rutgers University, and her law degree from Rutgers Law School-Newark.

Judge Tighe's career includes serving as the United States Trustee for the Central District of California for five years, and also for various periods for the Districts of Southern, Eastern and Northern California and Nevada, Hawaii, Guam, and the Northern Mariana Islands.

Judge Tighe was previously an Assistant U. S. Attorney in Los Angeles where she was the Deputy Chief for Major Frauds Section and started the district's Bankruptcy Fraud Task Force. She spent a few years in private practice at Sullivan and Cromwell in New York following a clerkship with U. S. District Judge Harold Ackerman, District of New Jersey.

Judge Tighe is a member of the American Bankruptcy Institute, the National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges, and a Fellow of the American College of Bankruptcy.