

PRESS RELEASE

Chief Judge Lavenki R. Smith of the United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit today announced that the court has appointed Brian Steven Kruse of Lincoln, Nebraska as a United States Bankruptcy Judge for the District of Nebraska. Judge Kruse's chambers will be in Lincoln, Nebraska.

Before his appointment to the bench, Judge Kruse practiced law for 20 years with the firm of Rembolt Ludtke LLP, in Lincoln, Nebraska. He served as its Managing Partner from 2013 to 2019, and as the head of its litigation department from 2008 to 2012. His practice included complex civil litigation, creditor's rights, and bankruptcy law. He was appointed to the Nebraska panel of Chapter 7 bankruptcy trustees in 2018.

Since 2008, Judge Kruse has been a member of the House of Delegates of the Nebraska State Bar Association. He is a Fellow of the Nebraska State Bar Foundation, and has served on the Board of Directors for the March of Dimes and the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation.

Judge Kruse graduated from the University of Nebraska College of Law, with high distinction. He was the Editor-in-Chief of the Nebraska Law Review and was honored as Order of the Coif.

Judge Kruse and his wife, Mindy, have been married for 19 years and have a son, William, in high school.