

Hon. Elizabeth S. Stong

Judge Elizabeth S. Stong was appointed as a U.S. Bankruptcy Judge for the Eastern District of New York on September 2, 2003.

Before taking the bench, Judge Stong was an associate and partner at Willkie Farr & Gallagher in New York from 1987 and an associate at Cravath, Swaine & Moore in New York from 1983 to 1987, concentrating in complex federal and state civil litigation. She also was a mediator and arbitrator for the NASD, the Eastern District of New York, and New York Supreme Court's Commercial Division.

Judge Stong is Vice President of the Board of the Federal Bar Council and a trustee and member of the Executive Committee of the Practising Law Institute. She is an advisor to the U.S. Department of Commerce Commercial Law Development Program and has trained judges in Algeria, Tunisia, Jordan, and the Arabian peninsula in business reorganization and liquidation issues, business dispute adjudication, and alternative dispute resolution.

Judge Stong is a member of the National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges, Chair of its International Judicial Relations Committee, and a member of its Liaison Committee to the American Bar Association, as well as a member of the American Bankruptcy Institute. She is a member of the ABA House of Delegates and Commission on Homelessness and Poverty, and was a member of the Commission on Women in the Profession. She is an officer of the ABA Business Law Section, chaired its Business and Corporate Litigation Committee, co-chairs the ABA's Judicial Division Bench-Bar Bankruptcy Council, and serves on the National Conference of Federal Trial Judges Executive Committee. Judge Stong is a member of the New York City Bar's Committee to Encourage Judicial Service, and chaired the City Bar's Alternative Dispute Resolution Committee. She also served as Vice Chair and a member of the City Bar's Judiciary Committee and a member of its Committee on Bankruptcy and Corporate Reorganization and Public Service and Education Committee. She is a member of the New York State and Brooklyn Bar Associations.

Judge Stong previously served as President of the Harvard Law School Association, Vice President of the Board of Directors of New York City Bar Fund Inc. and the City Bar Justice Center, and was a member of the board of MFY Legal Services, Inc., one of the largest providers of free civil legal services to low-income residents of New York City.

Judge Stong is an adjunct professor of law at St. John's University School of Law and Brooklyn Law School, and an occasional speaker at Harvard Law School. She has authored articles and contributed chapters to several practice manuals and treatises on bankruptcy law, securities law, trial strategy, and alternative dispute resolution. She is a frequent speaker on bankruptcy law and procedure, securities law, settlement strategy and damages assessment, discovery techniques, ADR, and public service. She is a member of the American Law Institute and International Adviser to its joint project with the International Insolvency Institute on Transnational Insolvency, and a fellow of the American and New York Bar Foundations.

Judge Stong graduated from Harvard University *magna cum laude* with an A.B. in History and Science in 1978 and from Harvard Law School in 1982. She was a law clerk to Hon. A. David Mazzone of the U.S. District Court for the District of Massachusetts from 1982 to 1983.

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