

## **Hon. Elizabeth S. Stong**

Judge Elizabeth S. Stong was appointed as a United States Bankruptcy Judge for the Eastern District of New York on September 2, 2003. 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. Judge Stong is an adjunct professor of law at St. John's University School of Law.

Judge Stong was an associate and partner at Willkie Farr & Gallagher in New York from 1987 until her appointment to the bench and an associate at Cravath, Swaine & Moore in New York from 1983 to 1987. She concentrated her practice in complex federal and state civil litigation including securities, corporate, employment, and ERISA disputes. Judge Stong also served as a mediator and arbitrator in alternative dispute resolution proceedings 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 Directors of City Bar Fund Inc. and President of the Harvard Law School Association. She is presently working with the U.S. Department of Commerce Commercial Law Development Program to train judges in Algeria and Tunisia in business reorganization and liquidation issues. Judge Stong previously served on 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 a member of the National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges 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 Women in the Profession. She chaired the ABA Business Law Section's Business and Corporate Litigation Committee from 2000 to 2003 and is an officer of the Section. Judge Stong is also a member of the New York State Bar Association and the Association of the Bar of the City of New York. She is a member of the ABCNY Committee on Bankruptcy and Corporate Reorganization and Committee to Encourage Judicial Service, and chaired the ABCNY Alternative Dispute Resolution Committee from 2000 to 2003. She also served as Vice Chair and a member of the City Bar's Judiciary Committee, and a member of its Public Service and Education Committee.

Judge Stong has published numerous articles and has contributed chapters to several practice manuals and treatises on securities law, trial strategy, and alternative dispute resolution. She has also chaired and appeared as a panelist in programs presented by ALI-ABA, the American Bankruptcy Institute, the American Bar Association, the American Corporate Counsel Association, *Forbes Magazine*, the Association of the Bar of the City of New York, the Turnaround Management Association, and New York University, among others, on issues in bankruptcy law and procedure, securities law, settlement strategy and damages assessment, discovery techniques, ADR, public service, and other subjects. She is a member of the American Law Institute and a fellow of the American Bar Foundation.