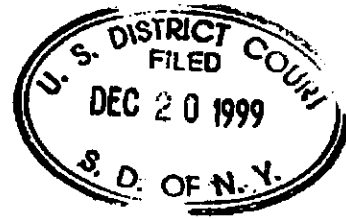


UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK




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ORDER
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Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. Section 154(b) of the Bankruptcy Amendments and Federal Judgeship Act of 1984 (P.L. 98-353; 98 Stat. 333), which provides for the designation of a chief judge of the Bankruptcy Court by the District Court,

It is ORDERED that Bankruptcy Judge Stuart M. Bernstein be and hereby is designated as the Chief Bankruptcy Judge of the Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York for a term of five years effective February 1, 2000.

SO ORDERED.



THOMAS P. GRIESA
CHIEF JUDGE

Dated: New York, New York
December 16, 1999