

STEVEN RHODES

STEVEN RHODES was a United States Bankruptcy Judge in the Eastern District of Michigan (Detroit) for nearly 30 years until his retirement on February 18, 2015. He served as its chief judge from 2002-2009. He was also appointed to the Bankruptcy Appellate Panel of the Sixth Circuit from 1997-2004 and 2008-2011, serving as its chief judge from 2002-2004.

In 1995, he was inducted as a fellow of the American College of Bankruptcy. From 2005-2009, he was Vice President for Research of the American Bankruptcy Institute and on its Executive Committee. On April 3, 2009, the ABI awarded him its Distinguished Service Award.

He is a co-author, with Kathy Bazoian Phelps, of "*THE PONZI BOOK: A LEGAL RESOURCE FOR UNRAVELING PONZI SCHEMES*," published by Matthew Bender LexisNexis (March 2012), as well as several law review articles.

He has spoken at many seminars and conferences organized by the American Bankruptcy Institute, Federal Judicial Center, the National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges and other professional organizations.

In July of 2013, the chief judge of the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals appointed him to preside over the bankruptcy case of the City of Detroit.

In February 2015, Crain's Detroit Business honored him as one of its 2014 Newsmakers of the Year. Also, Michigan Lawyers' Weekly named him 2014 Lawyer of the Year. In September 2015, the Commercial Law League of America awarded him the Lawrence P. King Award for Excellence in the Field of Bankruptcy.