

## Members of retiree committee named in Kodak bankruptcy case

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Seven former Kodakers — including four in the Rochester region — have been selected to represent retirees' interests in Eastman Kodak Co.'s Chapter 11 bankruptcy case.

In paperwork filed with U.S. Bankruptcy Court in New York City, these people were named as the retiree committee members: Robert Volpe of Rochester; Calvin A. Graziano of Pittsford; Andrew L. Sperr of Greece; David Beck of Brighton; William G. Strickland of Pinebluff, N.C.; Norman H. Beck of Liberty Township, Ohio; and Jeannine Vogel of Windsor, Colo.

U.S. Bankruptcy Judge Allan Gropper in April ordered the creation of a retiree committee to be the retirees' negotiating voice as Kodak tries to take steps that would affect retirees, such as cuts to benefits.

Official committees wield sizable power in bankruptcy proceedings, as the court often looks to them to sign off on any big restructuring steps before they get approved. Kodak also has to negotiate in its Chapter 11 reorganization with a committee of unsecured creditors representing all the various parties to whom Kodak owes money but who do not have any collateral for that debt, such as suppliers.

Of the retiree committee, Volpe is president of Kodak retiree group EKRA Ltd.

Beck and Strickland are among an independent group of retirees that retained legal counsel to fight Kodak when it earlier this proposed doing away with the Medicare Advantage plan it provides retirees. Kodak subsequently withdrew that proposal

## **OFFICIAL COMMITTEE OF RETIRED EMPLOYEES**

Pursuant to Sections 1114(d) of the Bankruptcy Code, the following retired employees of the above-captioned debtors being among the retired employees who are willing to serve are appointed to the official committee of retired employees not covered by a collective bargaining agreement:

William G. Strickland (69)  
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Pinebluff, North Carolina 28373

Norman H. Beck (70)  
7088 High Saddle Court  
Liberty Township, Ohio 45011

Jeannine Vogel (64)  
11210 Ponderosa Trail  
Windsor, Colorado 80550

David Beck (61)  
165 Parkwood Avenue  
Rochester, New York 14620

Robert Volpe (69)  
987 East Avenue  
Apartment No. 1  
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Calvin A. Graziano (82)  
28 Brickston Drive  
Pittsford, New York 14534

Andrew L. Sperr (82)  
261 Straub Road  
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