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## **White House Announces Nominee for District of Nevada Judgeship**

**SAN FRANCISCO** – President Obama has nominated Clark County (Nevada) District Court Judge Elissa F. Cadish to serve as a district judge on the United States District Court for the District of Nevada. The White House announced the nomination today.

Judge Cadish, 47, was nominated to fill a judgeship left vacant when District Judge Philip M. Pro took senior status on December 31, 2011. She formerly served as a law clerk to Judge Pro from 1989 to 1991.

Judge Cadish has served on the Eight Judicial District Court of Nevada, Department Six, since 2007. Prior to coming onto the bench, she had engaged in private practice at the Las Vegas law firm of Hale Lane Peek Dennison & Howard since 1995, becoming a shareholder in 2000. Prior to that, she had worked as an associate at the law firm of Jolley Urga Wirth & Woodbury in Las Vegas, from 1991 to 1995.

A native of Brooklyn, New York, Judge Cadish received her B.A. in 1986 from the University of Pennsylvania, where she graduated *magna cum laude*. She received her J.D., Order of the Coif, in 1989 from the University of Virginia, School of Law, where she was a member of the Virginia Law Review.

The U.S. District Court for the District of Nevada reported 3,658 cases in fiscal year 2011. The court is authorized 7 judgeships and currently has two vacancies.

Federal district court judges, appointed under Article III of the Constitution, are nominated by the president, confirmed by the Senate and serve lifetime appointments upon good behavior. Their current annual salary is \$174,000.

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