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**Senate Confirms Andrew P. Gordon for
District of Nevada Judgeship**

SAN FRANCISCO – The United States Senate today confirmed President Obama’s nomination of Las Vegas attorney Andrew P. Gordon to serve as a U.S. district judge for the District of Nevada. Confirmation came on a voice vote.

Mr. Gordon was nominated on September 19, 2012, and was favorably reported by the Senate Judiciary Committee on February 14, 2013. He fills a judgeship left vacant when District Judge Kent J. Dawson assumed senior status on July 9, 2012.

Mr. Gordon, 50, has been a partner since 1997 with the law firm of McDonald Carano Wilson LLP in Las Vegas, where his practice focuses primarily on commercial litigation. He joined the firm as an associate in 1994. Prior to that, Mr. Gordon worked at the law firm of Dawson & Associates in Las Vegas from 1992 to 1994, and at the law firm of Streich Lang Weeks & Cardon in Phoenix, Arizona, from 1987 to 1992. He is an arbitrator for the American Arbitration Association, and also serves as a private arbitrator and mediator. He served as a lawyer representative to the Ninth Circuit Judicial Conference from 2001 to 2007 and as chair of the Ninth Circuit’s Lawyer Representatives Coordinating Committee from 2006 to 2007.

A native of San Francisco, California, Mr. Gordon received his B.A., *cum laude*, from Claremont McKenna College in 1984, and his J.D. from Harvard Law School in 1987.

The U.S. District Court for the District of Nevada had 3,419 new case filings in fiscal year 2012. The court is authorized seven 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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