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## **Senate Confirms Three New Judges for U.S. District Court for District of Arizona**

**SAN FRANCISCO** – The United States Senate today confirmed President Obama’s nominees for three judgeships on the U.S. District Court for the District of Arizona. The trio includes the first female Native American to sit on the federal bench.

The Honorable Steven Paul Logan, who currently serves on the Arizona federal court as a magistrate judge, was confirmed as a district judge by a vote of 96-0. He will fill a judgeship vacant since January 30, 2013, when District Judge James A. Teilborg assumed senior status.

John Joseph Tuchi, chief assistant U.S. attorney for the District of Arizona, was confirmed to serve as a district judge by a vote of 96-0. He will fill a judgeship vacant since September 3, 2013, when Chief District Judge Roslyn O. Silver assumed senior status.

Diane J. Humetewa, a member of the Hopi Indian Tribe, is only the third Native American to serve as a federal judge. Ms. Humetewa, a former assistant U.S. attorney now serving as a special advisor on tribal relations to the president of Arizona State University, was confirmed by a vote of 96-0. She will fill a judgeship vacant since January 3, 2011, when District Judge Mary H. Murguia was appointed to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit.

Judge Logan, 48, has served as a federal magistrate judge in Phoenix since 2012. He was an immigration judge for the Board of Immigration Appeals, 2010 to 2012, and an assistant U.S. attorney for the District of Arizona, 2001 to 2010, and for the District of Minnesota, 1999 to 2001. He served as a judge advocate for the Marine Corps and was on active duty from 1992 to 1999. While on reserve duty, he was deployed to Iraq in 2004 and 2007 and to Afghanistan in 2008.

Judge Logan received the Bronze Star and Combat Action Ribbon for his second tour of duty in Iraq. He holds the rank of colonel and currently serves on the Navy-Marine Corps Court of Criminal Appeals.

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A native of Tacoma, Washington, Judge Logan received his B.S. from the University of Louisville in 1988 and his J.D. from the University of Oklahoma, College of Law, in 1992.

Mr. Tuchi, 49, joined the Office of the U.S. Attorney for the District of Arizona in 1998 and currently serves as chief assistant U.S. attorney. He was the office's senior litigation counsel and tribal liaison from 2009 to 2012, served as interim U.S. attorney in 2009, and was chief of the Criminal Division from 2006 to 2009. Prior to government service, Mr. Tuchi worked as an associate at the Phoenix law firm of Brown & Bain, P.A., from 1995 to 1998.

A native of Colver, Pennsylvania, Mr. Tuchi received a B.S. from West Virginia University in 1987; an M.S. from the University of Arizona in 1989; and a J.D. in 1994 from the ASU College of Law, where he graduated magna cum laude. He clerked for Circuit Judge William C. Canby of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit from 1994 to 1995.

Ms. Humetewa, 49, is a special advisor to the ASU president. She also serves as special counsel in the Office of General Counsel at ASU and is a professor of practice at ASU's Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law. Prior to coming to the university, Ms. Humetewa was of counsel with Squire, Sanders & Dempsey LLP in Phoenix and Washington, D.C., from 2009 to 2011. She worked in the Office of the U.S. Attorney for the District of Arizona from 1996 to 2009, serving as U.S. attorney from 2007 to 2009 and as senior litigation counsel from 2001 to 2007. Ms. Humetewa served as counsel to the deputy attorney general from 1996 to 1998 during her tenure in the U.S. attorney's office.

Ms. Humetewa received her B.S. from Arizona State University in 1987 and her J.D. from ASU College of Law in 1993. She served as an appellate court judge for the Hopi Tribe Appellate Court from 2002 to 2007.

The U.S. District Court for the District of Arizona had 9,777 new case filings in fiscal year 2013. The court is authorized 13 judgeships and currently has three vacancies.

Appointed under Article III of the Constitution, federal district court judges are nominated by the president, confirmed by the Senate and serve lifetime appointments upon good behavior.

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