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## **White House Announces Nominee for Eastern District of California Judgeship**

**SAN FRANCISCO** – President Obama has nominated Chief Magistrate Judge Dale A. Drozd to serve as a district judge of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of California. The White House announced the nomination today.

If confirmed by the Senate, Judge Drozd will fill a judgeship vacant since October 31, 2012, when District Judge Anthony W. Ishii assumed senior status.

Judge Drozd, 59, has served as a magistrate judge for the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of California since 1997 and as chief magistrate judge since 2011. Prior to his appointment to the bench, he engaged in private practice as a partner at Blackmon, Drozd and Snellings in Sacramento, California, from 1986 to 1997; as an associate at Clyde M. Blackmon and Associates in Sacramento in 1986; and as an associate at Hallinan, Osterhoudt and Poplack in San Francisco from 1982 to 1985.

Born in Long Beach, California, Judge Drozd received his B.A. from the California State University, San Diego, in 1977 and his J.D., Order of the Coif, from the University of California, Los Angeles, School of Law, in 1980. Following law school, he clerked for Judge Lawrence K. Karlton of the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of California from 1980 to 1982.

The U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of California, which has its principal courthouses in Sacramento and Fresno, had 5,414 new case filings in calendar year 2013. The court is authorized 6 judgeships and currently has one vacancy.

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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