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Senate Confirms New Judge for U.S. District Court for Northern District of California

SAN FRANCISCO – The United States Senate has confirmed President Obama’s nomination of San Francisco attorney Haywood S. Gilliam, Jr., to serve as a judge of the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California. Confirmation came by voice vote Tuesday, December 16, 2014.

Mr. Gilliam will fill a judgeship being vacated by Chief District Judge Claudia Wilken, who has taken senior status, effective today.

Mr. Gilliam, 45, has been a partner in the San Francisco office of the law firm of Covington & Burling LLP since 2009. As vice-chair of the firm’s white collar defense and internal investigations practice group, he counsels clients in criminal and regulatory enforcement matters and internal investigations involving securities, antitrust and other commercial cases. He was previously a partner with the firm of Bingham McCutchen LLP from 2006 to 2009.

Mr. Gilliam served as an assistant U.S. attorney in the Northern District of California from 1999 to 2006 and was the chief of the office’s Securities Fraud Section from 2005 to 2006. Prior to his government service, he worked at McCutchen, Doyle, Brown & Enersen from 1995 to 1998.

Born in Marlborough, Massachusetts, Mr. Gilliam attended high school in San Francisco. He received his B.A. from Yale University, graduating magna cum laude in 1991, and his J.D. from Stanford Law School in 1994. He served as a law clerk to District Judge Thelton E. Henderson of the Northern District from 1994 to 1995.

The U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California had 6,431 new case filings in fiscal year 2014. The court is authorized 14 judgeships and currently has no 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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