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**White House Announces Nominee for  
Federal Judgeship in District of Idaho**

**SAN FRANCISCO** – President Obama has nominated Judge David C. Nye of the Sixth District Court of Idaho to serve as a district judge of the United States District Court for the District of Idaho. The White House announced the nomination on Tuesday (April 5, 2016).

Upon Senate confirmation, Judge Nye will fill a judicial vacancy created when District Judge Edward J. Lodge took senior status on July 3, 2015.

Judge Nye has served as a judge in Pocatello since 2007 and presides over civil and criminal matters. Prior to coming on to the state court bench, he engaged in private practice as an associate in 1987, becoming a partner in 1989 with the law firm of Merrill & Merrill, Chartered, where he specialized in malpractice and insurance law until his appointment to the bench.

Judge Nye received his B.A. from Brigham Young University in 1982 and his J.D. from BYU, J. Reuben Clark Law School, in 1986. Following law school, he clerked for Judge George G. Granata of the Fifth Judicial District Court of Idaho from 1986 to 1987.

The U.S. District Court for the District of Idaho had 865 new case filings in fiscal year 2015. The court is authorized 2 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. Magistrate judges, who are appointed under Article I of the Constitution, are selected by the district judges of their court and serve renewable eight-year terms.

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