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White House Announces Nominee to the United States District Court for Idaho

SAN FRANCISCO – President Trump 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 Monday (May 8, 2017).

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 had been previously nominated for the judgeship by President Obama, but the Senate did not vote on the nomination during the last Congress.

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

Judge Nye received his B.A. from Brigham Young University in 1982 and his J.D. from BYU's 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 858 new case filings in fiscal year 2016. The court is authorized two 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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