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## **Senate Confirms New Judge for U.S. District Court for District of Idaho**

SAN FRANCISCO – The United States Senate today voted unanimously to confirm President Trump’s nomination of Judge David C. Nye, currently an Idaho state court judge, to serve as a district judge of the U.S. District Court for the District of Idaho.

Judge Nye had been previously nominated for the judgeship by President Obama, but the nomination was not voted upon during the last Congress. He will fill a judgeship vacated by District Judge Edward J. Lodge, who took senior status on July 3, 2015.

Judge Nye has served as a judge on the Sixth District Court of Idaho 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, both of which are now filled.

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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