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Seattle Attorney Eric D. Miller Nominated to to Seat on Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals

SAN FRANCISCO – President Trump has nominated Seattle attorney Eric D. Miller to serve as a judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit. The White House announced the nomination on July 13, 2018.

If confirmed by the U.S. Senate, Mr. Miller will fill a judgeship vacant since March 3, 2018, when Circuit Judge Richard C. Tallman of Seattle assumed senior status.

Since 2017, Mr. Miller has been a partner in the Seattle office of Perkins Coie LLP, where he serves as the chair of the firm’s appellate practice. He has argued more than 60 appeals, including 16 in the Supreme Court of the United States.

Before joining Perkins Coie, Mr. Miller, 43, served from 2007 to 2012 as an assistant to the solicitor general in the Office of the Solicitor General within the Department of Justice. He represented the government in the Supreme Court in numerous cases, including those involving communications, energy, employment, and administrative law. In 2008, he was awarded the Attorney General’s Distinguished Service Award for his conduct of national-security litigation.

Earlier in his career, Mr. Miller served from 2006 to 2007 in the Federal Communications Commission as a deputy general counsel responsible for managing litigation in defense of FCC orders in federal appellate courts. He also served in the DOJ as a member of the appellate staff in the Civil Division, from 2004 to 2006 and 2001 to 2003, and as an attorney-advisor in the Office of Legal Counsel from 2003 to 2004.

Mr. Miller is a part-time lecturer at the University of Washington School of Law. He is currently an Appellate Lawyer Representative to the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals and a member of the Washington Appellate Lawyers Association.

A native of Oak Park, Illinois, Mr. Miller received his A.B. in 1996 from Harvard University, graduating magna cum laude, and his J.D. in 1999 from the University of Chicago Law School, graduating with highest honors, Order of the Coif, and serving as topics and comments editor for the University of Chicago Law Review. He served as a law clerk to Justice Clarence Thomas of the U.S. Supreme Court and Judge Laurence Silberman of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia.

The Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals hears appeals of cases decided by executive branch agencies and federal trial courts in nine western states and two Pacific Island jurisdictions. The court normally meets monthly in Seattle, Washington; San Francisco, California; and Pasadena, California; every other month in Portland, Oregon; three times per year in Honolulu, Hawaii; and twice a year in Anchorage, Alaska.

The U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit had 11,096 new case filings in fiscal year 2017. The court is authorized 29 judgeships and currently has six vacancies and one future vacancy.

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