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## **Senate Confirms Maricopa County Judge to Seat on U.S. District Court for District of Arizona**

SAN FRANCISCO – The United States Senate has confirmed President Trump’s nomination of Maricopa County (Arizona) Superior Court Judge Susan Brnovich to serve as a district judge of the U.S. District Court for the District of Arizona. Senators provided their consent in a voice vote on Thursday, October 11, 2018.

Judge Brnovich was nominated on January 24, 2018. After appearing before the Senate Judiciary Committee on May 19, 2018, her nomination was reported favorably to the Senate floor on June 7, 2018. She fills a judgeship vacant since July 5, 2016, when District Judge Neil V. Wake took senior status.

Judge Brnovich has been a Maricopa County Superior Court judge since 2009 and previously served the court as a commissioner from 2003 to 2009. Prior to coming onto the bench, Judge Brnovich served as a deputy county attorney for Maricopa County Attorney’s Office from 1995 to 2003.

Born in Madison, Wisconsin, Judge Brnovich received her B.B.A. from the University of Wisconsin in 1990. She received an M.S. from the University of Wisconsin Graduate School and her J.D. from the University of Wisconsin Law School in 1994. She served as a judicial extern for Judge William H. Bristol of the Supreme Court of New York in 1992.

The U.S. District Court for the District of Arizona had 6,052 new case filings in calendar year 2017. The court is authorized 13 judgeships, including one temporary judgeship, and currently has two vacancies.

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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