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**Senate Confirms Phoenix Attorney on U.S.
District Court for District of Arizona**

SAN FRANCISCO – The United States Senate has confirmed President Donald Trump’s nomination of Phoenix attorney Michael T. Liburdi to serve as a district judge of the U.S. District Court for the District of Arizona. Senators gave their consent by a vote of 53-37.

Mr. Liburdi was nominated on January 17, 2019. He fills a judgeship vacant since July 31, 2018, when District Judge David G. Campbell assumed senior status.

Mr. Liburdi has been a shareholder at Greenberg Traurig LLP since 2018. Prior to that, he served as general counsel in the office of Arizona Governor Douglas A. Ducey. He engaged in private practice in Phoenix as an associate and then partner at Snell & Wilmer LLP, and as an associate at Perkins Coie LLP and previously when the firm was known as Perkins Coie Brown & Bain P.A. He was a litigation staff attorney for the Federal Election Commission in Washington, D.C.

Born in Scranton, Pennsylvania, Mr. Liburdi received his juris doctor, magna cum laude and Order of the Coif, from Arizona State University College of Law in 2002 and his bachelor’s degree, summa cum laude, from ASU in 1998. Following law school, he clerked for Vice Chief Justice Ruth V. McGregor of the Supreme Court of Arizona. Mr. Liburdi has been an adjunct professor of law at ASU’s Sandra Day O’Connor College of Law since 2010.

The U.S. District Court for the District of Arizona had 11,195 new case filings in calendar year 2018. 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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