Senate Confirms Troy Nunley for Eastern District of California Judgeship

SAN FRANCISCO – The Senate has confirmed President Obama’s nomination of Sacramento County Superior Court Judge Troy Nunley to serve as a district judge of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of California. Senate confirmation came by voice vote on Saturday, March 23, 2013.

Judge Nunley will fill a judgeship to be vacated by District Judge Garland E. Burrell, Jr., who assumed senior status on July 4, 2012.

Judge Nunley was appointed to the state bench by Governor Gray Davis in 2002. Prior to his appointment, he served as a deputy attorney general of the Criminal Division in the Office of the Attorney General, State of California, from 1999 to 2002. He also worked as a deputy district attorney for Sacramento County from 1996 to 1999, and as a deputy district attorney for Alameda County from 1991 to 1994.

A San Francisco native, Judge Nunley received his undergraduate degree from St. Mary’s College in 1986 and his J.D. from the University of California, Hastings College of the Law, in 1990.

The U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of California is among the busiest courts in the nation with 6,235 new case filings in fiscal year 2012. The court is authorized six judgeships and currently has one vacancy.

Federal district court judges, appointed under Article III of the Constitution, are nominated by the president, confirmed by the Senate and serve lifetime appointments upon good behavior. Their current annual salary is $174,000.