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President Selects 6 for District Courts

The White House on Thursday, September 19, 2013, announced President Obama’s nominations for vacant judgeships on federal trial courts in Arizona, California and Washington.

Nominated to serve as district judges on the United States District Court for the District of Arizona were:

- The Honorable Steven Paul Logan, currently serving on the Arizona federal court as a magistrate judge, who was nominated to fill a judgeship vacant since January 30, 2013, when District Judge James A. Teilborg assumed senior status;

- The Honorable Douglas L. Rayes, currently serving on the Maricopa County (Arizona) Superior Court, who was nominated to fill a judgeship vacant since January 30, 2013, when District Judge Frederick J. Martone took senior status;

- Assistant U.S. Attorney John Joseph Tuchi of the District of Arizona, who was nominated to fill a judgeship vacant since September 3, 2013, when Chief District Judge Roslyn O. Silver assumed senior status; and

- Diane J. Humetewa, currently a special advisor on American Indian affairs to the president of Arizona State University, who was nominated to fill a judgeship vacant since January 3, 2011, when District Judge Mary H. Murguia was appointed to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit.

The Honorable Cynthia Ann Bashant, who serves on the San Diego County Superior Court, was nominated to serve as a district judge on the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of California. She would fill a judgeship vacant since March 29, 2013, when Judge Irma E. Gonzalez assumed senior status.

Attorney Stanley Allen Bastian of Wenatchee, Wash., was nominated to serve as a district judge of the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Washington. He would fill a judgeship vacant since June 7, 2012, when Judge Edward F. Shea assumed senior status.

More information on the Arizona nominees is available here. More information on the Southern District of California nominee is available here and for the Eastern District of Washington nominee here.

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