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**Senate Confirms New Judge for U.S. District  
Court for Eastern District of California**

**SAN FRANCISCO** – The United States Senate today confirmed President Obama’s nomination of Chief Magistrate Judge Dale A. Drozd, to serve as a district judge of the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of California. Confirmation came by voice vote of 69-21.

Judge Drozd will fill a judgeship vacated by District Judge Anthony W. Ishii, who took senior status on October 31, 2012.

Judge Drozd, 60, has served as a magistrate judge for the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of California since 1997 and as chief magistrate judge since 2011. Prior to his appointment to the bench, he engaged in private practice as a partner at Blackmon, Drozd and Snellings in Sacramento, California, from 1986 to 1997; as an associate at Clyde M. Blackmon and Associates in Sacramento in 1986; and as an associate at Hallinan, Osterhoudt and Poplack in San Francisco from 1982 to 1985.

Born in Long Beach, California, Judge Drozd received his B.A. from the California State University, San Diego, in 1977 and his J.D., Order of the Coif, from the University of California, Los Angeles, School of Law, in 1980. Following law school, he clerked for Judge Lawrence K. Karlton of the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of California from 1980 to 1982.

The U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of California, which has its principal courthouses in Sacramento and Fresno, had 5,551 new case filings in calendar year 2014. The court is authorized 6 judgeships and currently has no vacancy.

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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