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Senate Confirms Patrick J. Bumatay to Seat on Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals

SAN FRANCISCO – The United States Senate today confirmed President Donald Trump’s nomination of Assistant U.S. Attorney Patrick J. Bumatay to serve as a judge of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit. Senators gave their consent by a vote of 53-40.

Mr. Bumatay, who is expected to maintain chambers in San Diego, California, was nominated to the court on October 15, 2019. He fills the seat of Circuit Judge Carlos T. Bea, who will assume senior status when Mr. Bumatay receives his judicial commission.

Mr. Bumatay has served most recently as an assistant U.S. attorney for the Southern District of California and as counselor to the U.S. Attorney General at the U.S. Department of Justice, where over the course of his career he also held several other positions, including counsel and senior counsel to the deputy attorney general; and detailee, special assistant and counsel in the Office of Legal Policy. Mr. Bumatay also engaged in private practice as an associate attorney at Morvillo Abramowitz Grand Iason & Anello, P.C., in New York City. Before joining that firm, he clerked for Judge Sandra Townes of the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of New York in Brooklyn. Earlier, Mr. Bumatay clerked for Judge Timothy Tymkovich of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 10th Circuit.

Born in Secaucus, New Jersey, Mr. Bumatay received his bachelor’s degree, cum laude, from Yale College in 2000 and his juris doctor in 2006 from Harvard Law School, where he was the articles editor of the Harvard Journal of Law & Public Policy. While in law school, he worked as a staff assistant and paralegal in the Office of Counsel to the President of the United States, Executive Office of the U.S. President.

The Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals hears appeals of cases decided by executive branch agencies and federal trial courts in nine western states and two Pacific Island jurisdictions. The court

normally meets monthly in Seattle, Washington; San Francisco, California; and Pasadena, California; every other month in Portland, Oregon; three times per year in Honolulu, Hawaii; and twice a year in Anchorage, Alaska.

The U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit had 10,502 new case filings in calendar year 2018. The court is authorized 29 judgeships, all of which are now filled.

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