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Jacqueline Scott Corley to Serve as U.S. District Judge for Northern District of California

SAN FRANCISCO – The United States Senate today voted 63-36 to confirm President Joseph R. Biden, Jr.’s, nomination of U.S. Magistrate Judge Jacqueline Scott Corley to serve as a U.S. district judge for the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California.

Judge Corley was first nominated for the judgeship on Nov. 3, 2021, and had her hearing before the Senate Judiciary Committee on Dec. 1, 2021. The Senate did not act on her nomination on the first session of the 117th Congress. President Biden nominated her again on Jan. 3, 2022, and her nomination was reported to the Senate Floor on Jan. 13, 2022. Upon taking her oath, she will fill a judgeship vacant since Jan. 1, 2021, when District Judge William H. Alsup assumed senior status. Judge Corley will maintain chambers in San Francisco.

“All of us in the Northern District are simply thrilled to have Judge Corley join the ranks of district judges,” said Chief Judge Richard Seeborg of the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California. “She has been an extraordinary colleague of ours as a Magistrate Judge, and we look forward to working with her in this new role. Our Court and the entire legal community are very lucky to have her,” Chief Judge Seeborg added.

Judge Corley has served as a U.S. magistrate judge for the Northern District of California since 2011. Prior to her appointment to the bench, she engaged in private practice as a partner at the San Francisco law firm of Kerr & Wagstaffe LLP from 2009 to 2011, and as a career law clerk to District Judge Charles Breyer of the Northern District of California from 1998 to 2011. Earlier in her career, Judge Corley worked as a litigation associate at Coblenz, Patch, Duffy & Bass, LLP, in San Francisco from 1994 to 1997, and as a commercial litigation and criminal defense attorney at Goodwin Procter LLP in Boston, Massachusetts, from 1992 to 1994.

Born in Long Beach, California, Judge Corley received her Bachelor of Arts, Phi Beta Kappa, from the University of California, Berkeley, in 1988 and her Juris Doctor, magna cum laude, in

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1991 from Harvard Law School, where she served as editor and articles editor from 1989 to 1990 and from 1990 to 1991, respectively. Following law school, Judge Corley clerked for District Judge Robert Keeton of the U.S. District Court for the District of Massachusetts from 1991 to 1992.

Judge Corley served on the Edward J. McFetridge American Inn of Court, most recently as president from 2019 to 2020 and as vice president from 2018 to 2019. She has served as vice president for the Celiac Community Foundation of Northern California since 2012, and is a co-founder and a camp coordinator for Camp Celiac at Camp Arroyo in Livermore, California.

The U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California had 10,289 new case filings in calendar year 2021. The court is authorized 14 judgeships and currently has three vacancies and one future vacancy.

Appointed under Article III of the U.S. 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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