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Senate Confirms Sherilyn Peace Garnett for Federal Judgeship in Central District of California

SAN FRANCISCO – The United States Senate today voted 62-33 to confirm President Joseph R. Biden, Jr.’s, nomination of Superior Court Judge Sherilyn Peace Garnett to serve as a U.S. district judge for the U.S. District Court for the Central District of California.

Judge Garnett was nominated for the judgeship on Dec. 15, 2021, and had her hearing before the Senate Judiciary Committee on Feb. 16, 2022. Her nomination was reported to the Senate floor on March 10, 2022. Following her oath, she will fill a judgeship vacant since Nov. 14, 2018, when District Judge Manuel L. Real (now deceased) assumed senior status. Judge Garnett will maintain chambers in Los Angeles.

Judge Garnett has served as a Los Angeles Superior Court judge since 2014. In 2016, she was a justice pro tem for the California Court of Appeal, Second Appellate District, Division Seven. Before her appointment to the bench, she worked in the Office of the U.S. Attorney for the Central District of California, where she served as chief and deputy chief of the General Crimes Section in 2014 and from 2011 to 2014, respectively; as a domestic terrorism coordinator of the National Security Section, from 2008 to 2011; and as an assistant U.S. attorney from 2001 to 2008. Judge Garnett was a lecturer in law at the University of Southern California, Gould School of Law, from 2008 to 2010. She engaged in private practice in Los Angeles and Chicago from 1999 to 2000 and from 1995 to 1998, respectively.

Born in the Cayman Islands, Judge Garnett received her Juris Doctor from Harvard Law School in 1995 and her Bachelor of Arts, with honors, from the University of California at Riverside in 1991. She clerked for the Honorable Barry Ted Moskowitz of the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of California.

The U.S. District Court for the Central District of California had 14,919 new case filings in calendar year 2021. The court is authorized 28 judgeships and currently has five vacancies.

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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