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## NEWS RELEASE

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## **Senate Confirms Robert Steven Huie for Federal Judgeship in Southern District of California**

SAN FRANCISCO – The United States Senate today voted 51-46 to confirm President Joseph R. Biden, Jr.’s, nomination of Robert Steven Huie to serve as a U.S. district judge for the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of California.

Huie was first nominated for the judgeship on Jan. 19, 2022, and had his hearing before the Senate Judiciary Committee on March 2, 2022. Upon taking his oath, Huie will fill a judgeship vacant since Oct. 31, 2018, when District Judge Michael M. Anello assumed senior status. Huie will maintain chambers in San Diego.

“Rob Huie is an exceptional choice,” said Chief District Judge Dana M. Sabraw of the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of California. “He’s an exceptionally kind, gracious and warm person. He has both sterling credentials and a well-rounded criminal and civil practice background, as a former federal prosecutor and white collar defense attorney at Jones Day. He is well known in our District and highly respected. My colleagues and I are so pleased he will be joining our bench,” he concluded.

Huie has served as of counsel since 2020 with Jones Day in San Diego, where he is a member of the firm’s Investigations and White Collar Defense Practice Group. He is also the chair of the San Diego office’s Diversity, Inclusion and Advancement Committee and serves as the office’s pro bono coordinator. Previously, he served as an assistant U.S. attorney from 2008 to 2020 in the Office of the U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of California, where most recently he was deputy chief of the Major Frauds and Public Corruption Section. Huie worked for the U.S. Department of Justice, Criminal Division, Office of Overseas Prosecutorial Development, Assistance & Training, as a diplomat and legal advisor at U.S. Embassies in North Africa and Eastern Europe from 2015 to 2018, focusing on counterterrorism matters. He engaged in private practice as an associate at Latham & Watkins LLP in San Diego and as an associate at Wiggin & Dana LLP in New Haven, Connecticut, from 2004 to 2008 and from 2002 to 2003, respectively.

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Born in Albany, Georgia, Huie received his Juris Doctor from Yale Law School in 2002 and his Bachelor of Arts from Calvin College in 1998. He clerked for the Honorable José A. Cabranes of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit from 2003 to 2004.

The U.S. District Court for the Southern District of California had 5,842 new case filings in calendar year 2021. The court is authorized 13 judgeships, three of which are currently vacant.

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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