Senate Confirms Fred W. Slaughter for Federal Judgeship in Central District of California

SAN FRANCISCO – The United States Senate today voted 57-41 to confirm President Joseph R. Biden, Jr.’s, nomination of California Superior Court Judge Fred W. Slaughter to serve as a U.S. district judge for the U.S. District Court for the Central District of California.

Judge Slaughter was nominated for the judgeship on Dec. 15, 2021, and had his hearing before the Senate Judiciary Committee on Jan. 12, 2022. His nomination was reported to the Senate floor on Feb. 10, 2022. Following his oath, he will fill a judgeship vacant since July 5, 2019, when District Judge Andrew J. Guilford (Retired) assumed senior status. Judge Slaughter will maintain chambers in Santa Ana, California.

Judge Slaughter has served as a judge of the California Superior Court in Orange County since 2014. From 2002 to 2014, Judge Slaughter served as an assistant United States attorney in the criminal sections of three federal districts in the Ninth Circuit: the Central District of California from 2004 to 2008 and from 2010 to 2014; the District of Oregon from 2008 to 2010; and the District of Arizona from 2002 to 2004.

While working in the Central District of California, Judge Slaughter also served as the coordinator of Project Safe Neighborhoods from 2004 to 2006 and the deputy chief for the Santa Ana Branch Office from 2012 to 2013. From 2000 to 2002, Judge Slaughter served as a deputy city attorney for the Los Angeles City Attorney’s Office. Prior to that, Judge Slaughter served as a law clerk for the Los Angeles City Attorney’s Office’s criminal and airport divisions in 1999.

Judge Slaughter earned a Bachelor of Arts from the University of California, Los Angeles, in 1996 and a Juris Doctor from UCLA School of Law in 1999.

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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 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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