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Senate Confirms Mónica Ramírez Almadani for Federal Judgeship in Central District of California

SAN FRANCISCO – The United States Senate today voted 51-44 to confirm President Joseph R. Biden Jr.’s, nomination of Mónica Ramírez Almadani to serve as a U.S. district judge for the Central District of California.

“We are thrilled that Mónica Ramírez Almadani will be joining the Court,” said Chief U.S. District Judge Philip S. Gutierrez of the Central District of California. “Mónica has had an illustrious career dedicated to public service. Her comprehensive legal knowledge, integrity, and commitment to justice will be an asset to the Court and the public we serve.

Ramírez Almadani was nominated for the judgeship on Jan. 23, 2023. Her nomination was placed on the Senate Executive Calendar on April 20. Following her oath, she will fill a judgeship vacant since April 1, 2022, when District Judge John A. Kronstadt took senior status. She will maintain chambers in Los Angeles in the court’s Western Division.

Ramírez Almadani has been the president and CEO of Public Counsel, the largest pro bono public interest law firm in the nation, since 2021. She previously worked as a visiting assistant clinical professor of law at the University of California, Irvine School of Law, from 2019 to 2021; as a special counsel at Covington & Burling LLP, from 2017 to 2019; and as a special assistant attorney general in the California Attorney General’s Office from 2015 to 2017. From 2009 to 2015, Ramírez Almadani held various positions at the U.S. Department of Justice, including assistant United States attorney in the U.S. Attorney’s Office for the Central District of California from 2012 to 2015; deputy chief of staff and senior counsel to the deputy attorney general in Washington, D.C. from 2011 to 2012; and counsel to the assistant attorney general for the Civil Rights Division also in Washington, D.C., from 2009 to 2011. She worked for the national American Civil Liberties Union Foundation Immigrants’ Rights Project, where she was a staff attorney from 2007 to 2009 and an Equal Justice Works Fellow from 2005 to 2007.

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Ramírez Almadani received her Bachelor of Arts, magna cum laude, from Harvard University in 2001 and her Juris Doctor from Stanford Law School in 2004. Following law school, she served as a law clerk for the Honorable Warren J. Ferguson on the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit from 2004 to 2005.

The U.S. District Court for the Central District of California had 14,572 new case filings in calendar year 2022. The court is authorized 28 judgeships and currently has one 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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