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## **Senate Confirms Amanda K. Brailsford for Federal Judgeship in District of Idaho**

SAN FRANCISCO – The United States Senate voted by voice vote on Thursday, May 4, to confirm President Joseph R. Biden, Jr.’s, nomination of Judge Amanda K. Brailsford, Idaho Court of Appeals, to serve as a U.S. district judge for the District of Idaho.

“We are excited to have a new Judge on board and are happy to welcome our first woman as an Article III judge in Idaho,” said Chief Judge David Nye of the District of Idaho.

Judge Brailsford was nominated for the judgeship on Jan. 31, 2023. Her nomination was placed on the Senate Executive Calendar on April 27, 2023. She will be the first woman to serve as an Article III judge in Idaho. Following her oath, she will fill a judgeship vacated by Judge B. Lynn Winmill, who assumed senior status on Aug. 16, 2021. Judge Brailsford will maintain chambers in Boise.

Judge Brailsford has served as a judge on the Idaho Court of Appeals since 2019. She previously was a founding partner at Andersen Banducci PLLC in Boise from 2013 to 2017. Judge Brailsford also worked at Holland & Hart LLP as an associate from 1995 to 2002 and as a partner from 2003 to 2013. She served as a law clerk for Judge Thomas G. Nelson on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit from 1993 to 1995.

Judge Brailsford received her Juris Doctor, *summa cum laude*, from the University of Idaho College of Law in 1993 and her Bachelor of Arts from the University of Idaho, *cum laude*, in 1989.

The District of Idaho had 836 new case filings in calendar year 2022. The court is authorized two judgeships, which are both currently filled.

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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