



United States Courts for the Ninth Circuit

Office of the Circuit Executive · 95 7th Street, San Francisco, CA 94103 · (415) 355-8800 · mediarelease@ce9.uscourts.gov

NEWS RELEASE

May 3, 2023

Contact: William Cracraft
mediarelease@ce9.uscourts.gov

Senate Confirms Wesley L. Hsu for Federal Judgeship in Central District of California

SAN FRANCISCO – The United States Senate today voted 53-43 to confirm President Joseph R. Biden, Jr.’s, nomination of Judge Wesley L. Hsu, Los Angeles County Superior Court, to serve as a U.S. district judge for the Central District of California.

“We are excited and happy to have Judge Hsu as a colleague. He will be an extraordinary District Judge,” said Chief Judge Philip S. Gutierrez of the Central District of California. Judge Hsu was nominated for the judgeship on Jan. 23, 2023. His nomination was placed on the Senate Executive Calendar on April 20, 2023. Following his oath, he will fill a judgeship vacated by Judge Virginia A. Phillips, who assumed senior status on Feb. 14, 2022. Judge Hsu will maintain chambers in Los Angeles.

Judge Hsu has served as a judge on the Los Angeles County Superior Court since 2017. He served as an assistant U.S. attorney in the U.S. Attorney’s Office for the Central District of California from 2000 to 2017, including as deputy assistant U.S. attorney in 2017, executive assistant U.S. attorney from 2015 to 2017 and chief of the cyber and intellectual property crimes section from 2008 to 2015. Judge Hsu was an associate at Gibson, Dunn and Crutcher LLP from 1997 to 2000. He served as a law clerk for Judge Mariana R. Pfaelzer on the U.S. District Court for the Central District of California from 1996 to 1997.

Judge Hsu received his Juris Doctor from Yale Law School in 1996 and his Bachelor of Arts from Yale University in 1993.

The Central District of California had 14,572 new case filings in calendar year 2022. The court is authorized 28 judgeships and currently has three 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.

###