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Senate Confirms Judge Amy M. Baggio for Federal Judgeship in District of Oregon

SAN FRANCISCO – The United States Senate today voted 54-44 to confirm President Joseph R. Biden Jr.’s, nomination of Judge Amy M. Baggio, Multnomah County Circuit Court, to serve as a U.S. district judge for the U.S. District Court for the District of Oregon.

“The judges of the United States District Court for the District of Oregon are thrilled to welcome Judge Amy Baggio to our bench,” said Chief U.S. District Judge Michael McShane. “Her years of service to the justice system as an attorney and as a state judge have been dedicated to the rule of law and to the protection of the basic rights of everyone who comes before the court. We are looking forward to the presence and leadership that she will bring to our court and our community. Congratulations, Judge Baggio,” Judge McShane concluded.

Judge Baggio was nominated for the judgeship on Nov. 27, 2023, and had her hearing before the Senate Judiciary Committee on Dec. 13, 2023. Her nomination was pending and thus was returned to the president when the First Session of the 118th Congress adjourned on Jan. 3, 2024. She was renominated on January 8, and her nomination was reported to the Senate floor on January 18. Upon taking her oath, she will fill a judgeship when District Judge Marco A. Hernández assumes senior status on Aug. 21, 2024. Judge Baggio will maintain chambers in Portland.

Judge Baggio has served as a judge on the Multnomah County Circuit Court since 2019, when Governor Kate Brown appointed her to the bench. She was elected to her current position in May 2020. Prior to her appointment by Governor Brown, she was a solo practitioner at Baggio Law from 2013 to 2019. She served as an assistant federal public defender, Office of the FPD for the District of Oregon, from 2005 to 2012, and as a research and writing attorney for the office from 2002 to 2005. Judge Baggio was a trial attorney for the Metropolitan Public Defender in Portland, Oregon, 2001-2002, and was a law clerk at the FPD’s Office in Portland, 2000-2001.

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Born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, Judge Baggio received her Bachelor of Arts, cum laude, from Wake Forest University in 1995 and her Juris Doctor in 2001 from the Lewis and Clark Law School, where she was an associate editor and member of the Animal Law Review, 1999-2001 and 1998-1999, respectively.

Judge Baggio served as a special investigator for the Oregon State Bar, Board of Bar Examiners, 2018-2019, and as commissioner for Oregon's Public Defense Services Commission, 2017-2019.

Judge Baggio is the recipient of the American Civil Liberties Award, American Civil Liberties Union of Oregon, in 2009 and the American Jewish Committee's Judge Learned Hand Award, Portland Chapter, in 2006.

Judge Baggio is a member of the Oregon Supreme Court Chief Justice's Criminal Justice Advisory Committee and chair of the Pretrial Subcommittee. She has served on the Multnomah County Circuit Court's Executive Committee since 2019 and on the Multnomah County Impartial Justice Project since 2021. Judge Baggio is a member of the National Association of Women Judges and the Oregon Women Lawyers' Association. Past associations include the Oregon Criminal Defense Lawyers' Association, the U.S. District of Oregon Historical Society and the Women's White Collar Defense Association, Oregon Chapter, Executive Committee.

The U.S. District Court for the District of Oregon had 2,347 new case filings in calendar year 2023. The court is authorized six judgeships.

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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