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## NEWS RELEASE

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## **Senate Confirms LA County Judge Anne Hwang for Federal Judgeship in Central District of California**

SAN FRANCISCO – The U.S. Senate today voted 48-43 to confirm President Joseph R. Biden Jr.’s nomination of Judge Anne Hwang, Superior Court of California, Los Angeles County, to serve as a U.S. district judge for the U.S. District Court for the Central District of California.

“We are delighted that Judge Hwang will be joining our Court. Her time on the Superior Court bench and many years of practice in federal court will make her an invaluable member of the Court,” said Chief U.S. District Judge Dolly M. Gee, Central District of California.

Judge Hwang was nominated for the judgeship on April 30, 2024, and had her nomination hearing before the Senate Judiciary Committee on May 22, 2024. Her nomination was reported to the Senate floor on July 11, 2024. Upon taking her oath, Judge Hwang will fill a judgeship vacant since Nov. 3, 2023, when District Judge George H. Wu assumed senior status. Judge Hwang will maintain chambers in Los Angeles.

Judge Hwang has served as a judge of the Los Angeles County Superior Court since 2019. Previously she served as chief deputy federal public defender in 2018 for the Office of the Federal Public Defender in the Central District of California, where she held several positions including trial chief deputy FPD, supervising deputy FPD and deputy FPD in Los Angeles and Santa Ana from 2006 to 2018. Judge Hwang was a litigation associate at Irell & Manella LLP in Los Angeles from 2002 to 2006.

Born in Los Angeles, Judge Hwang received her Bachelor of Arts from Cornell University in 1997 and her Juris Doctor in 2002, Order of the Coif, from the University of Southern California Gould School of Law, where she was the articles editor of the Southern California Law Review from 2001 to 2002.

Judge Hwang has served on several committees of the L.A. County Superior Court, including the Automation and Technology Committee, Bail Committee, Bench and Bar Committee, Community Outreach Committee, Rules Committee and the Trial Jurors Committee.

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Judge Hwang has been a member of the California Asian Pacific American Judges Association since 2019 and has co-chaired the association's Law School Committee since 2023. She is a member of the Los Angeles Superior Court Judges Association, the California Judges Association and its Civil Law and Procedure Committee, and was co-chair of the association's Criminal Law and Procedure Committee from 2022 to 2023.

The U.S. District Court for the Central District of California had 16,973 new case filings in fiscal year 2024. The court is authorized 28 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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