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## NEWS RELEASE

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## **Magistrate Judge Mustafa T. Kasubhai Confirmed as District Judge for District of Oregon**

SAN FRANCISCO – The U.S. Senate today voted 51-44 to confirm President Joseph R. Biden Jr.’s nomination of U.S. Magistrate Judge Mustafa T. Kasubhai to serve as a U.S. district judge for the District of Oregon.

Judge Kasubhai was nominated for the judgeship on Sept. 18, 2023, and had his hearing before the Senate Judiciary Committee on Oct. 4, 2023. His nomination was pending and thus was returned to the president when the First Session of the 118th Congress adjourned on Jan. 3, 2024. He was renominated on January 8, and his nomination was reported to the Senate floor on January 18. Upon taking his oath, Judge Kasubhai will fill a judgeship created when U.S. District Judge Ann Aiken assumed senior status on Dec. 29, 2023. Judge Kasubhai will maintain chambers in Eugene.

“The District of Oregon is thrilled to know that the Senate has confirmed Magistrate Judge Mustafa Kasubhai as our newest District Judge in Eugene,” said Chief U.S. District Judge Michael McShane, District of Oregon. “Judge Kasubhai has not just served the District in his magistrate capacity since 2018, he has provided the Oregon bar with profound leadership; championing professionalism, mentorship, access to justice, and inclusion. He has served as a role model for a generation of law students, attorneys, and judges who have had the privilege of working with him,” Judge McShane noted.

Judge Kasubhai has served as a U.S. magistrate judge for the District of Oregon since Sept. 21, 2018. Before his appointment to the federal bench, Judge Kasubhai was a Lane County Circuit Court judge in Eugene from 2007 to 2018. Previously, he served as a board member of the Oregon Workers’ Compensation Board and practiced law in Eugene and Klamath Falls, Oregon.

Born in Reseda, California, Judge Kasubhai received his Bachelor of Science from the University of California, Berkeley, in 1992 and his Juris Doctor in 1996 from the University of Oregon School of Law, where he was an associate editor of the Oregon Law Review from 1995

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to 1996; president of the Student Bar Association from 1995 to 1996; editor of *The Weekly Dissent* in 1995; and co-director of the Minority Law Students Association from 1994 to 1995. He received the Graduate Service Award from the University of Oregon Graduate School and Office of Student Affairs in 1995. He has been a lecturer at the University of Oregon School of Law's Litigation Lab since 2023.

Judge Kasubhai is the recipient of the 2024 Frohnmayer Award for Public Service from the University of Oregon, School of Law; the Wallace P. Carson Jr. Award for Judicial Excellence from the Oregon State Bar in 2022; the Justice Lynn Nakamoto Trailblazer Award from the Oregon Asian Pacific American Bar Association in 2018; and the Daniel K. Inouye Trailblazer Award from the National Asian Pacific American Bar Association in 2018. He was recognized as one of the "100 Ducks Who Made a Difference" (1919-2019) by the Oregon Quarterly, University of Oregon, in 2019 and was recognized in 2018 by the Oregon State Bar's Diversity Section for his appointment to the U.S. District Court as a magistrate judge.

Judge Kasubhai has been a member of the Committee on Bias in the Justice System in Oregon (formerly Ad Hoc Committee on Unconscious Bias in the Justice System in Oregon) since 2019; a member of The Lawyers' Campaign for Equal Justice's Advisory Board since 2023; a member of the Oregon Mediator Diversity Project (formerly Oregon Mediation Diversity Project and Oregon Mediation Diversification Project) since 2020 and has served as secretary of its board of directors since 2023; and a member of the Regional Dialogue's Advisory Council since 2023. Judge Kasubhai has served as president of the Oregon Muslim Bar Association since 2022. He has been a member of the Oregon State Bar's Leadership Institute Advisory Committee since 2020 and a member of the South Asian Bar Association of Oregon and secretary of its board of directors since 2020. Judge Kasubhai is chair of the Attorney Admission Fund for the U.S. District Court for the District of Oregon and a member of the court's Judicial Equity Committee.

The U.S. District Court for the District of Oregon had 2,634 new case filings in fiscal year 2024. 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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