



# United States Courts for the Ninth Circuit

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## NEWS RELEASE

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## **Senate Confirms Eric C. Tung to Seat on 9th US Circuit Court of Appeals**

**SAN FRANCISCO** – The U.S. Senate today voted to confirm President Donald Trump’s nomination of Eric C. Tung to serve as a U.S. circuit judge for the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 9th Circuit. Confirmation came by a vote of 52-45.

Tung was nominated for the judgeship on July 15, 2025, and had his hearing before the U.S. Senate Judiciary Committee on July 30. His nomination was reported to the Senate floor on September 11. Upon President Trump’s signing of his judicial commission, Tung will occupy a seat made vacant by Circuit Judge Sandra Ikuta’s assumption of senior status. Tung will maintain chambers in Pasadena, California.

Tung has been a partner at Jones Day in Los Angeles. He has clerked twice on the U.S. Supreme Court—for the Honorable Neil M. Gorsuch during October Term 2017 and for the Honorable Antonin G. Scalia during October Term 2012. Tung also served in the U.S. Department of Justice in several different roles: as counsel in the Office of Legal Policy in 2017, during which time he received the Attorney General’s Distinguished Service Award; as an assistant U.S. attorney in the Office of the U.S. Attorney for the Central District of California from 2016 to 2017; and as a Bristow Fellow in the Office of the Solicitor General from 2011 to 2012. Prior to his service in the executive branch, Tung was an attorney at Munger, Tolles & Olson LLP in Los Angeles, from 2014 to 2016, and clerked for then-Judge Gorsuch, of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 10th Circuit, from 2010 to 2011.

Tung graduated with a Bachelor of Arts from Yale University in 2006 and earned his Juris Doctor, with high honors and Order of the Coif, in 2010 from The University of Chicago Law School, where he was managing editor of the Law Review.

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The 9th Circuit encompasses Alaska, Arizona, California, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Oregon, Washington state, the U.S. Territory of Guam and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. It includes the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 9th Circuit and the federal trial and bankruptcy courts in the 15 judicial districts within the circuit. The 9th Circuit had 8,108 new filings in calendar year 2024 ending December 31. All 29 authorized judgeships are currently filled.

Appointed under Article III of the U.S. Constitution, federal circuit judges are nominated by the president and confirmed by the Senate and serve lifetime appointments upon good behavior.

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