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Senate Confirms Miranda Du as U.S. District Judge for District of Nevada

SAN FRANCISCO – The United States Senate today confirmed President Obama’s nomination of Reno attorney Miranda Du to serve as a district judge on the U.S. District Court for the District of Nevada. The Senate voted 59-39.

Ms. Du, 42, was nominated on August 2, 2011, and had her nomination hearing before the Senate Judiciary Committee on November 3, 2011. She fills a judgeship left vacant when District Judge Roger L. Hunt took senior status on May 26, 2011.

Ms. Du has been a partner since 2002 at the law firm of McDonald Carano Wilson LLP, where she specializes in employment law and complex civil litigation. She joined the firm in 1994 and currently serves as chair of its Employment/Labor Law Group.

Ms. Du has litigated numerous cases before state and federal courts, including appeals before the Nevada Supreme Court and the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit.

A native of Ca Mau, Vietnam, Ms. Du received her B.A. in economics and history from the University of California at Davis in 1991 and her J.D. from the University of California, Berkeley, School of Law, in 1994.

The U.S. District Court for the District of Nevada is authorized seven judgeships and currently has one vacancy. The court reported 3,658 filings in fiscal year 2011.

Federal district court judges, appointed under Article III of the Constitution, are nominated by the President, confirmed by the Senate and serve lifetime appointments upon good behavior. Their current annual salary is \$174,000.

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