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White House Announces Nominations to U.S. District Court for Northern California

SAN FRANCISCO – The White House announced Monday, June 11, nominations for two vacant judgeships on the United States District Court for the Northern District of California.

Alameda County Superior Court Judge Jon S. Tigar, was nominated to fill a judgeship left vacant when District Judge Sandra B. Armstrong assumed senior status on March 23, 2012. William H. Orrick, III, a San Francisco attorney currently working with the U.S. Department of Justice in Washington, D.C., was nominated to fill a judgeship left vacant when District Judge Charles R. Breyer assumed senior status on December 31, 2011.

Judge Tigar, 49, was appointed to the state bench in 2002 by Gov. Gray Davis. Prior to coming onto the bench, Judge Tigar engaged in private practice for eight years at the law firm of Kecker & Van Nest LLP in San Francisco, where his practice focused on complex commercial litigation. Judge Tigar served as a public defender in San Francisco, from 1993 to 1994, and worked as a litigation associate in the San Francisco law firm of Morrison & Foerster LLP from 1990 to 1992.

A native of London, Judge Tigar received his B.A. from Williams College in 1984 and his J.D. from the University of California, Berkeley, School of Law, in 1989. After graduating from law school, Judge Tigar clerked for Circuit Judge Robert S. Vance of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 11th Circuit.

Mr. Orrick, 59, has served as the deputy assistant attorney general for the Immigration Litigation Unit in the Civil Division of the U.S. Department of Justice since 2010, and was previously a counselor to the assistant attorney general in the Civil Division from 2009 to 2010. He is the son of the late U.S. District Judge William H. Orrick, Jr., who served on the Northern District bench from 1974 until his death in 2003.

Prior to joining the Justice Department, Mr. Orrick engaged in private practice for 25 years at the law firm of Coblenz, Patch, Duffy & Bass LLP in San Francisco, where he worked as an associate in 1984 then as a partner in 1988.

A native of San Francisco, Mr. Orrick received his B.A. in 1976 from Yale University, graduating *cum laude*, and his J.D. in 1979 from Boston College Law School, where he graduated *cum laude*.

The U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California had 7,369 new case filings in fiscal year 2011, up 6.3 percent from fiscal year 2010. The court is authorized 14 judgeships and currently has three vacancies.

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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