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White House Announces Nominations to U.S. District Court for Nevada

SAN FRANCISCO – The White House announced on Wednesday, September 19, 2012, the nominations of two Las Vegas attorneys to fill vacant judgeships on the United States District Court for the District of Nevada.

Attorney Andrew P. Gordon, was nominated to fill a judgeship left vacant when District Judge Kent J. Dawson assumed senior status on July 9, 2012. Attorney Jennifer Dorsey was nominated to fill a judgeship that will be vacant on December 13, 2012, when District Judge Larry R. Hicks assumes senior status.

Gordon has been a partner since 1997 with the law firm of McDonald Carano Wilson LLP, where his practice focuses primarily on commercial litigation. He joined the firm as an associate in 1994. Prior to that, Gordon worked at the law firm of Dawson & Associates from 1992 to 1994, and at the law firm of Streich Lang Weeks & Cardon from 1987 to 1992. He is an arbitrator for the American Arbitration Association, and also serves as a private arbitrator and mediator. He served as a lawyer representative to the Ninth Circuit Judicial Conference from 2001 to 2007 and as chair of the Ninth Circuit's Lawyer Representatives Coordinating Committee from 2006 to 2007.

Gordon received his B.A. in 1984 from Claremont McKenna College, where he graduated *cum laude*, and his J.D. from Harvard Law School in 1987.

Dorsey has been a partner with the law firm of Kemp, Jones & Coulthard LLP, since 2004 and has been with the firm since 1997, when she graduated from law school. Her practice focuses primarily on civil appeals, class actions, and complex commercial litigation before state and federal courts.

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Dorsey received her B.A., *cum laude*, from the University of Nevada at Las Vegas in 1994, and her J.D., *cum laude*, from Pepperdine University. She served as a congressional intern for Nevada Senator Richard Bryan and as a judicial extern for the Honorable Stephen Reinhardt of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit.

The U.S. District Court for the District of Nevada had 3,603 new case filings in calendar year 2011. The court is authorized seven judgeships and currently has two 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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