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White House Announces Nomination to U.S. District Court for Oregon

SAN FRANCISCO – President Obama has nominated Multnomah County (Oregon) Circuit Court Judge Michael McShane to fill a vacant judgeship on the United States District Court for the District of Oregon. The White House announced the nomination on Wednesday, September 19, 2012.

If confirmed by the Senate, Judge McShane will fill a judgeship vacant since September 24, 2011, when District Judge Michael R. Hogan of Eugene assumed senior status.

Judge McShane has served on the Multnomah County Circuit Court, the largest circuit court in the state, since 2001. He has presided over a variety of jury and bench trials, specializing in complex civil litigation, including class action suits, medical negligence, contracts and general tort cases. He has served on the state's Death Penalty Panel since 2003, presiding over 25 capital cases. He was previously a judge pro tem in Multnomah County, presiding over a variety of matters.

Prior to coming onto the bench, Judge McShane served as an attorney with the Metropolitan Public Defender's Office, litigating thousands of cases.

Judge McShane holds a B.A. in English from Gonzaga University and a J.D. degree from Northwestern School of Law, Lewis and Clark College. He has been a member of the Oregon State Bar since 1988.

Judge McShane currently serves on the faculty of Lewis and Clark Law School, teaching Trial Advocacy and a Criminal Practice Seminar. He also teaches evidence at the New Judge's Seminar through the Oregon Judicial Department, and he is a frequent CLE presenter on topics ranging from cross examination to search and seizure.

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He volunteers his time to many community organizations and schools serving at-risk youth. He is the recipient of this year's Oregon State Bar President's Public Service Award.

The U.S. District Court for the District of Oregon had 2,944 new case filings in calendar year 2011. The court is authorized six judgeships and currently has one vacancy.

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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