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San Francisco Attorney to be Nominated to Northern District of California Bench

SAN FRANCISCO – The White House announced Monday (August 18) that President Obama intends to nominate San Francisco attorney Haywood S. Gilliam, Jr., to serve as a judge of the United States District Court for the Northern District of California.

Mr. Gilliam will fill a judicial vacancy anticipated to occur in December, when Chief District Judge Claudia Wilken of the Northern District has announced she will take senior status.

Mr. Gilliam, 44, has been a partner in the San Francisco office of the law firm of Covington & Burling LLP since 2009. As vice-chair of the firm's white collar defense and internal investigations practice group, he counsels clients in criminal and regulatory enforcement matters and internal investigations involving securities, antitrust and other commercial cases. He was previously a partner with the firm of Bingham McCutchen LLP from 2006 to 2009.

Mr. Gilliam served as an assistant U.S. attorney in the Northern District of California from 1999 to 2006 and was the chief of the office's Securities Fraud Section from 2005 to 2006. Prior to his government service, he worked at McCutchen, Doyle, Brown & Enersen from 1995 to 1998.

Mr. Gilliam was born in Marlborough, Massachusetts. His father served in the Army and his family moved frequently during his childhood. After attending high school in San Francisco, he enrolled in Yale University, where he received his B.A. in 1991, graduating magna cum laude. He earned his J.D. from Stanford Law School in 1994 and served as a law clerk to District Judge Thelton E. Henderson of the Northern District from 1994 to 1995.

The U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California had 6,826 new case filings in calendar year 2013. The court is authorized 14 judgeships and currently has no vacancy.

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

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