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CHIEF JUDGE MARY M. SCHROEDER

Chief Judge Mary M. Schroeder became Chief Judge of the Ninth Circuit Court on December 1, 2000 and is the first woman chief judge of the nation’s largest judicial circuit. She will serve a seven-year term as Chief Judge. As Chief Judge, Judge Schroeder will assume the administrative responsibilities of both the court of appeals and the Judicial Council of the Ninth Circuit, a board of judges governing the region. She will also sit on all 11-judge en banc panels, helping to set the direction of Ninth Circuit law. Additionally, she has announced the formation of two new programs – a confidential hotline for judges in need of crisis counseling for issues such as bereavement and substance abuse and a pilot program that will allow the citation of unpublished opinions in petitions for rehearing or requests for publication.

Judge Schroeder was appointed by President Carter to the Ninth Circuit on September 25, 1979. Judge Schroeder graduated from Swarthmore College with a B.A. in 1962, and from the University of Chicago with a J.D. in 1965. At the University of Chicago, she was one of only six women in her law school class. She practiced as a Justice Department trial attorney for four years, then transferred to the private sector in 1971, working for a firm in Phoenix, Arizona until 1975. As a lawyer in Arizona, she chaired the committee that drafted and secured

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passage of Arizona’s first civil rights law. From 1975-1979, Judge Schroeder served on the Arizona Court of Appeals and was the youngest woman appellate judge in America at the time.

Judge Schroeder is a member of the American Judicature Society, American Bar Association, American Law Institute, National Association of Women Lawyers, and the Arizona Association of Women lawyers. Her honors include the “Distinguished Achievement Award” in 1977 from Arizona State University Law School.

Judge Schroeder maintains her chambers in Phoenix, Arizona.

Senior Judge Arthur Alarcon

President Carter appointed Judge Alarcon to the Ninth Circuit on October 31, 1979. Judge Alarcon graduated from University of Southern California, receiving a B.A. in Political Science in 1949 and an LL.B. in 1951. He is one of few judges in California to sit on both the state and federal appellate bench.

Judge Alarcon was a deputy Los Angeles County district attorney from 1952-1961. In 1962, he was appointed Clemency and Extradition Secretary and named Executive Secretary of California Adult Authority, serving as temporary chairman in 1962. In 1963, Governor Pat Brown appointed him to the Los Angeles Superior Court, where he served until 1978, when Governor Jerry Brown appointed him to the California Court of Appeals for the Second District, where he served until his appointment to the Ninth Circuit in 1979.

Judge Alarcon maintains his chambers in Los Angeles, California.
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SENIOR JUDGE ROBERT R. BEEZER

Judge Beezer was appointed to the Ninth Circuit by President Reagan on March 28, 1984. He received a B.A. in 1951, and an LL.B. in 1956 from the University of Virginia. He served in the United States Marine Corps from 1951 to 1953, attaining the rank of First Lieutenant.

Prior to his appointment, Judge Beezer was a partner at Schweppe, Krug, Tausend & Beezer in Seattle, Washington where he worked from 1956 to 1984. He also served on the Board of Governors of the Washington State Bar Association from 1980-1983, and was president of the Seattle King County Bar Association from 1975-1976.

Judge Beezer maintains his chambers in Seattle, Washington.

JUDGE MARSHA S. BERZON

Judge Berzon was nominated to the Ninth Circuit by President Clinton in January 1998, and confirmed by the Senate on March 9, 2000. She graduated with a B.A. from Radcliffe in 1966, and received a J.D. from University of California at Berkeley Boalt Hall School of Law in 1973.


She practiced at Woll and Mayer in Washington D.C. from 1975 to 1977, and from San Francisco's Altshuler, Berzon, Nussbaum, Berzon and Rubin from 1978 until her appointment to the Ninth Circuit.

Judge Berzon will maintain her chambers in San Francisco, California.
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SENIOR JUDGE ROBERT BOOCHEVER

President Carter appointed Judge Boochever to the Ninth Circuit on June 18, 1980. He has maintained senior status since June 10, 1986. He received an A.B. from Cornell University in 1939, and a J.D. from Cornell Law School in 1941. He served in the Army from 1941-1945, attaining the rank of Captain.

Judge Boochever served as Assistant U.S. Attorney in Juneau, Alaska, from 1946-1947, when he left to assist in founding the firm of Faulkner, Banfeild, Boochever & Doogan in Juneau. Boochever practiced with the firm until his appointment to the Alaska Supreme Court in 1972. From 1978-1980, Judge Boochevor served as Chief Justice.

Judge Boochever maintains his chambers in Pasadena, California.

SENIOR JUDGE JAMES R. BROWNING

President Kennedy appointed Judge Browning to the Ninth Circuit on September 18, 1961. He served as Chief Judge from June 30, 1976 to June 15, 1988. Effective September 1, 2000, Judge Browning has elected to assume senior status. As a judge in senior status, Judge Browning intends to continue to render substantial service to the court.

Judge Browning received an LL.B. degree from Montana State University in 1941. He served as Special Attorney in the Antitrust Division of the Department of Justice from 1941-1943. Additionally, he served in the United States Army from 1943-1946, receiving a Bronze Star Medal. In 1946, he returned to the Department of Justice serving as: Special Attorney of the Antitrust division from 1946-1948; Chief of the Northwest Regional Office of the Antitrust Division from 1948-1949; Assistant Chief, General Litigation Section, of the Antitrust division from 1949-1951; First Assistant, Civil Division from 1951-1952; Executive Assistant to the Attorney General 1952-1953; Chief of Executive Office for United States Attorneys in 1953. He practiced in the private sector from 1953-
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1958. Judge Browning then clerked for the United States Supreme Court from 1958 until his appointment to the Ninth Circuit in 1961.

Judge Browning is a former member of the Committee on Court Administration, the Committee on the Budget; and the Executive Committee of the Ninth Circuit Conference. He is currently a member of the American Bar Association, the American Law Institute, the Montana Bar Association, the Federal Bar Association, the American Judicature Society and the Institute of Judicial Administration.

Judge Browning maintains his chambers in San Francisco, California.

SENIOR JUDGE MELVIN T. BRUNETTI

Judge Brunetti was appointed by President Reagan to the Ninth Circuit on April 4, 1985. Since November 11, 1999, Judge Brunetti has maintained senior status. He attended the University of Nevada and graduated from University of California, Hastings College of Law, receiving a J.D. 1964. He served in the Army National Guard.


Judge Brunetti is currently a member of the State Bar of Nevada, the American Bar Association, the Washoe County Bar Association, the Carson Bar Association, the Association of Trial Lawyers of American, and Northern Nevada Trial Lawyers Association.

Judge Brunetti maintains his chambers in Reno, Nevada.
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SENIOR JUDGE WILLIAM C. CANBY JR.


Judge Canby served as a Professor of Law from 1967-1980 at Arizona State University, and at Makerere University, Kampala, Uganda, from 1970-1971 as a Fulbright Scholar. He was a board member of Central Arizona Coalition for Right to Choose from 1976-1980, and currently serves as board member for both the Arizona Center for Law in the Public Interest and for DNA-People’s Legal Services, Inc.

Judge Canby maintains his chambers in Phoenix, Arizona.

SENIOR JUDGE HERBERT Y.C. CHOY


Judge Choy graduated from the University of Hawaii with a B.A. in 1938, and received his J.D. degree from Harvard Law School in 1941. Judge Choy then served in the Army from 1941-1946.

In 1946, Judge Choy returned to Hawaii and joined the firm of Fong and Miho, becoming partner within one year. He continued in private practice until June, 1957, when he became Attorney General of Hawaii, serving until December, 1958. In
1958, at the request of his partners, he returned to private practice where he worked until his appointment to the Ninth Circuit in 1971.

Judge Choy maintains his chambers in Honolulu, Hawaii.

**SENIOR JUDGE JEROME FARRIS**

On September 26, 1979, Judge Farris was appointed to the Ninth Circuit by President Carter. On March 3, 1995, Judge Farris assumed senior status. Prior to his appointment, he was a Judge of the Washington State Court of Appeals from 1969-1976, serving as Chief Judge for the Washington State Court of Appeals from 1976-1979. Judge Farris also practiced law as a partner with the firm of Farris, Bangs & Horowitz from 1958-1969.

Judge Farris is the chairman of the Ninth Circuit Statistics Committee and a member of the Ninth Circuit Judicial Conference Executive Committee. Additionally, he is a member of the Appellate Judges Conference Delegate to JAD Council.

Judge Farris was a member of the Washington Child and Welfare Advisory Committee; the King County Youth Commission; and the King County Mental Health and Mental Retardation Board.

Judge Farris maintains his chambers in Seattle, Washington.

**SENIOR JUDGE WARREN J. FERGUSON**

On November 26, 1979, Judge Ferguson was appointed to the Ninth Circuit by President Carter. Judge Ferguson assumed senior status on December 31, 1986. He graduated from the University of Nevada at Reno with a B.A. in 1942. After college, he served in the Army during World War II as a Master Sergeant, receiving the Bronze Star. Thereafter, he received a LL.B from the University of Southern California in 1949.
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Prior to his judicial appointment to the Ninth Circuit, Judge Ferguson served as City Attorney for seven cities in Southern California: Buena Park, Placentia, La Puente, Baldwin Park, Santa Fe Springs, Walnut and Rosemead. In 1959, Judge Ferguson served as a Municipal Court Judge in Anaheim, California. In 1961, Judge Ferguson was appointed to the Orange County Superior Court. Then, in 1966, Judge Ferguson became a District Court judge for the United States District Court for the Central District of California.

Judge Ferguson was a member of the faculty of the Federal Judicial Center from 1968-1976. He is Associate Professor of Psychiatry at the University of Southern California School of Medicine and also teaches courses at Loyola University School of Law. He is currently a member of the California Bar Association; the Orange County Bar Association; and the American Bar Association.

Judge Ferguson maintains his chambers in Santa Ana, California.

JUDGE FERDINAND F. FERNANDEZ

Judge Fernandez was appointed to the Ninth Circuit by President Bush in 1990. Judge Fernandez received his B.S. in 1958 and his J.D. in 1962 from the University of Southern California. After law school, he obtained an LL.M from Harvard Law School in 1963.

Judge Fernandez practiced in the private sector from 1964-1980. He specialized in probate and estate planning; was a certified tax specialist; and occasionally handled criminal appellate cases.

Prior to his appointment to the Ninth Circuit, Judge Fernandez was a United States District Court Judge in California. From 1980-1985, Judge Fernandez served as a Judge for the San Bernardino Superior Court.

Judge Fernandez maintains his chambers in Pasadena, California.


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JUDGE RAYMOND C. FISHER

President Clinton appointed Judge Fisher to the Ninth Circuit on October 21, 1999.

Judge Fisher is a graduate of University of California at Santa Barbara and Stanford Law School. After law school, Judge Fisher clerked for Supreme Court Justice William Brennan and Circuit Judge J. Skelly Wright of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit.


Judge Fisher maintains his chambers in Pasadena, California.

SENIOR JUDGE BETTY B. FLETCHER

On September 26, 1979, Judge Fletcher was appointed by President Carter to the Ninth Circuit. On November 1, 1998, Judge Fletcher assumed senior status. Judge Fletcher graduated from Stanford University in 1943 with a B.A., and from University of Washington School of Law in 1956 with an LL.B., Order of the Coif.

Judge Fletcher joined the Seattle firm Preston, Thorgrimson, Ellis & Holman in 1956. Judge Fletcher served as president of the Seattle-King County Bar Association, and as a board member of the Washington State Bar Association. Judge Fletcher also served on the Board of Directors for the National Legal Aid and Defenders Association from 1973 to 1976. In 1972, she was appointed by Governor Dan Evans to the Washington State Women’s Council. In 1974, Judge Fletcher served as Co-chair for the Washington State Committee for Passage of the Equal Rights Amendment. From 1975 to 1978 she served
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on the Washington State Bar's Board of Governors. From 1978 to 1979, she was Trustee for the Northwest Women's Law Center.

Judge Fletcher maintains her chambers in Seattle, Washington.

JUDGE WILLIAM A. FLETCHER

Judge William Fletcher, son of Judge Betty Fletcher, was appointed to the Ninth Circuit on October 9, 1998 by President Clinton. Judge Fletcher received a B.A. from Harvard University, and attended Oxford University as a Rhodes Scholar. He received his J.D. from Yale Law School in 1975.

Judge Fletcher clerked for District Court Judge Stanley Weigel and for Supreme Court Justice William Brennan, Jr. After his clerkships, Judge Fletcher became a law professor at the University of California at Berkeley, Boalt Hall School of Law in 1977, where he taught courses on constitutional law, civil procedure, and federal law. In 1992, Judge Fletcher received the University of California at Berkeley Distinguished Teaching Award.

Judge Fletcher maintains his chambers in San Francisco, California.

SENIOR JUDGE ALFRED T. GOODWIN


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was appointed to the Judicial Conference Committee on Court Administration. He served as Chief Judge of the Ninth Circuit from 1988 until assuming senior status in 1991.

Judge Goodwin maintains his chambers in Pasadena, California.

JUDGE RONALD M. GOULD

Judge Gould was appointed to the Ninth Circuit by President Clinton on November 11, 1999.

Judge Gould graduated from the University of Pennsylvania in 1968, and received his J.D. from the University of Michigan in 1973. After graduation, Judge Gould clerked for the Hon. Wade McCree of the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals until 1974, and for Supreme Court Justice Potter Stewart in 1974-1975.

Since 1974, Judge Gould has practiced with Perkins Coie, LLP in Seattle.

Judge Gould was a visiting Professor, University of Washington School of Law, 1986-1988, and a member of the Board of Governors, Washington State Bar Association, 1988-1991, where he served as president from 1994-1995.

Judge Gould maintains his chambers in Seattle, Washington.

JUDGE SUSAN P. GRABER

Appointed to the Ninth Circuit by President Clinton on March 19, 1988, Judge Graber completed her undergraduate studies at Wellesley College in 1969 and received a J.D. degree from Yale Law School in 1972.

After graduating from Yale Law School, Judge Graber practiced law as an Assistant Attorney General in the New Mexico Bureau of Revenue for two years. For the next fourteen years, she practiced in the private sector. She served as a Judge on
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the Oregon Court of Appeals from 1988-1990 and as an Associate Justice on the Oregon Supreme Court from 1990-1998.

Judge Graber is currently a co-chair of the Oregon Supreme Court of the Oregon State Bar Task Force on Gender Fairness, and a member of the Death Penalty Habeas Corpus Rules Committee. Furthermore, she is a member of the Defense Advisory Committee on Women in the Services and a chair of the Rhodes Scholar Selection Committee for Oregon. In 1986, she was awarded the Founders Award for Pro Bono Service for the Northwest Women's Law Center.

Judge Graber maintains her chambers in Portland, Oregon.

SENIOR JUDGE CYNTHIA H. HALL

On October 4, 1984, Judge Hall was appointed to the Ninth Circuit by President Reagan. On August 31, 1997, Judge Hall assumed senior status.

Judge Hall graduated from Stanford University with an A.B. in 1951, and an LL.B. in 1954. She served in the Navy Reserve from 1951-1953, attaining the rank of Lieutenant (junior grade). After graduation, she clerked for Ninth Circuit Judge Richard Chambers until 1955, when she returned to school to obtain her LL.M. in Taxation from New York University Law School.

She served as a trial attorney with the Justice Department's Tax Division from 1960-1964. She then served as an attorney-adviser in the Treasury Department's Office of Tax Legislative Counsel, from 1964-1966. She helped to form the firm of Brawerman & Holcomb of Beverly Hills in 1966, where she practiced tax law until her first judicial appointment in 1972. Judge Hall served as a judge for the United States Tax Court from 1972-1981 and as a judge for the United States District Court for the Central District of California from 1981-1984.

Judge Hall maintains her chambers in Pasadena, California.
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JUDGE MICHAEL DALY HAWKINS

Judge Hawkins was appointed by President Clinton to the Ninth Circuit on September 15, 1994. He received his B.A. in 1967 and J.D. in 1970 from Arizona State University, and a LL.M from University of Virginia in 1998.


Judge Hawkins maintains his chambers in Phoenix, Arizona.

JUDGE PROCTOR HUG, JR.

Judge Hug was appointed to the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit by President Carter on September 15, 1977. He held the post of Chief Judge for the Ninth Circuit from March 1, 1996 until December 1, 2000.

Judge Hug was born in Reno, Nevada on March 11, 1931. He served in the United States Navy from 1953-1955, attaining the rank of Lieutenant Junior Grade. In 1953, Judge Hug received a B.S. degree from the University of Nevada. In 1958, he received a J.D. degree from Stanford University.


Hug was the Nevada State Delegate to the American Bar Association's House of Delegates from 1971-1978, and served on the Board of Governors from 1976-1978. Additionally, he
was the Director of the American Judicative Society from 1975-1978. In 1977, Judge Hug served one year on the National Judicial College Board of Directors. He was also a member of the University of Nevada's Medical School Board of Visitors. From 1980-1982, Hug was a member of the Stanford Board of Visitors and a member of the American Law Institute, and chaired its Ninth Circuit Education Committee from 1983-1987. Since 1958, he has been a member of the American Bar Association and the Nevada State Bar Association.

Judge Hug maintains his chambers in Reno, Nevada.

**JUDGE ANDREW J. KLEINFELD**

On September 16, 1991, Judge Kleinfeld was appointed to the Ninth Circuit by President Bush.

Judge Kleinfeld graduated from Harvard Law School in 1969 after completing his undergraduate work at Wesleyan University. Prior to his judicial appointment to the Ninth Circuit, Judge Kleinfeld was a United States District Judge in Alaska. From 1971-1986, Judge Kleinfeld practiced in the private sector, specializing in insurance defense and personal injury litigation. He also served as a U. S. Magistrate Judge for the Alaska District Court from 1971-1974.

Judge Kleinfeld maintains his chambers in Fairbanks, Alaska.

**JUDGE ALEX KOZINSKI**

Judge Kozinski was appointed to the Ninth Circuit by President Reagan on November 7, 1985. He attended the University of California at Los Angeles, where he received his B.A. in 1972 and his J.D. in 1975.

Judge Kozinski clerked for Judge Anthony M. Kennedy of the Ninth Circuit from 1975-1976 and for Chief Justice Warren E. Burger of the United States Supreme Court from 1976-1977. He was the Managing Editor of the UCLA Law Review and a Volunteer Attorney for the Pacific Legal Foundation from 1978-
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1979. He also represented indigent clients in various civil and criminal matters in Washington D.C. from 1979-1981. He was the Deputy Legal Counsel for the Office of the President Elect from 1981-1982, the Assistant Counsel for the Office of Counsel to the President in 1981, and Special Counsel of the Merit Systems Protection Board from 1981-1982. From 1982-1985 Judge Kozinski was the Chief Judge of the United States Claims Court in Washington D.C.

Judge Kozinski maintains his chambers in Pasadena, California.

SENIOR JUDGE EDWARD LEAVY

Judge Leavy was appointed to the Ninth Circuit by President Reagan on March 23, 1987 and assumed senior status as of May 21, 1997. He graduated from the University of Portland where he received a B.A. in 1950, and received an LL.B. from the University of Notre Dame in 1953.

Judge Leavy served as District Court Judge for Lane County in Eugene, Oregon from 1957-1961; Circuit Judge for Lane County District Court from 1961-1976; U.S. Magistrate for U.S. District Court in Portland, Oregon from 1976-1984; and Judge for U.S. District Court in Oregon from 1984-1987.

Judge Leavy maintains his chambers in Portland, Oregon.

JUDGE M. MARGARET MCKEOWN

Judge McKeown was appointed to the Ninth Circuit by President Clinton on April 8, 1998. She graduated from the University of Wyoming in 1972 with a B.A., and in 1975 earned a J.D. from Georgetown University. While at Georgetown, she clerked for Judge David Norman, Superior Court of the District of Columbia, Washington, D.C.

After graduation, Judge McKeown worked with the law firm of Perkins Coie from 1975-1988, first as an associate and eventually as partner.
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Judge McKeown is an active member of the American Bar Association; American Bar Foundation; American Intellectual Property Law Association; American Law Institute; Corporate Council for the Arts, Executive Committee member; King County Bar Association; Washington Council on International Trade; Washington State Bar Association; Washington Women Lawyers; and White House Fellows Foundation, Board of Directors member.

Judge McKeown maintains her chambers in Seattle, Washington.

SENIOR JUDGE DOROTHY WRIGHT NELSON

Judge Nelson was appointed to the Ninth Circuit by President Carter in 1980. Judge Nelson has maintained senior status since January 1, 1995. She received her B.A. degree in 1950 and her J.D. degree in 1953 from the University of California at Los Angeles. In 1956, she received an LL.M. from the University of Southern California. Judge Nelson is a member of Phi Beta Kappa and Order of the Coif.

Upon being admitted to practice law in California in 1954, Judge Nelson began her career at the University of Southern California as a Research Associate Fellow. She continued to work for the University as an Instructor in 1957; Assistant Professor from 1958-1961; Associate Professor from 1961-1967; Associate Dean from 1965-1967; Professor in 1967; and Dean from 1967-1980. In 1967, Judge Nelson was named Law Alumnus of the Year by University of California.

Judge Nelson maintains her chambers in Pasadena, California.
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JUDGE THOMAS G. NELSON

On October 17, 1990, Judge Nelson was appointed by President Bush to the Ninth Circuit. After graduating from the University of Idaho Law School in 1962, Judge Nelson served in the Idaho Air National Guard from 1962-1965, and the Army reserve from 1965-1968.

Judge Nelson served as an Assistant Attorney General for the State of Idaho from 1963-1965. In 1965, he joined the firm of Parry, Robertson and Daly in Twin Falls, where he practiced until 1979. He then practiced with Nelson, Rosholt, Robertson, Tolman and Tucker until his appointment in 1990.

Judge Nelson maintains his chambers in Boise, Idaho.

SENIOR JUDGE JOHN T. NOONAN JR.


Judge Noonan was a Professor of Law at the University of California at Berkeley, Boalt Hall School of Law from 1966-1985. He was also a Professor of Law at Notre Dame University School of Law, and a Visiting Professor of Law at Harvard University, Stanford University, Hastings College of Law, UCLA School of Law, and Southern Methodist University.

Judge Noonan maintains his chambers in San Francisco, California.
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JUDGE DIARMUID F. O'SCANNLAIN

Judge O'Scannlain was appointed to the Ninth Circuit on September 1, 1986, by President Reagan. Judge O'Scannlain received a B.A. from St. John's University in 1957, and a J.D. from Harvard Law School in 1963.

Prior to his appointment to the appellate bench, Judge O'Scannlain served as Deputy Attorney General, Oregon State Department of Justice from 1969-1971, Commissioner of the Public Utility Commission of Oregon from 1971-1973, and Director of the Oregon State Department of Environmental Quality in Portland from 1973-1974. He was also the Chairman of the Advisory Panel to the United States Secretary of Energy from 1983-1985. He is a member of the American Bar Association, the Federal Bar Association, the National Republican Lawyer's Association, and the United States District Court of Oregon Historical Society.

Judge O'Scannlain maintains his chambers in Portland, Oregon

JUDGE RICHARD PAEZ

Judge Paez was nominated to the Ninth Circuit by President Clinton on January 25, 1996, and confirmed by the Senate on March 9, 2000.

Judge Paez graduated from Brigham Young University in 1969, and received a J.D. from the University of California at Berkeley, Boalt Hall School of Law in 1972.

After law school, Judge Paez spent several years in the public interest sector, with California Rural Legal Assistance from 1972 to 1974, the Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles from 1974-1976, and as the litigation director for the Western Center on Law and Poverty in Los Angeles from 1976 to 1981.

In 1981, he was appointed to the Los Angeles Municipal Court. In 1994, President Clinton appointed him to the United
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States District Court for the Central District of California, where he served until his appointment to the Ninth Circuit.

Judge Paez maintains his chambers in Pasadena, California.

JUDGE HARRY PREGERSON

Judge Pregerson was appointed to the Ninth Circuit on October 31, 1979 by President Carter. He completed his undergraduate studies at University of California at Los Angeles in 1947, and in 1950, received an LL.B. from University of California at Berkeley, Boalt Hall School of Law. Judge Pregerson earned a Purple Heart on Okinawa while in the Marine Corps, in which he served from 1944-1946.

Judge Pregerson practiced in the private sector with William Costley in Van Nuys, California from 1953-1965. He has served as Municipal and Superior Court judge in Los Angeles, 1965-1967, and as a District Court Judge for the Central District of California from 1967 until his appointment to the Ninth Circuit.

Judge Pregerson serves as advisor to Toys for Tots, Childhelp USA, Jewish Big Brothers, the Salvation Army and many other charities.

Judge Pregerson maintains his chambers in Woodland Hills, California.

JUDGE JOHNNIE B. RAWLINSON

Judge Rawlinson was appointed to Ninth Circuit on July 26, 2000 by President Clinton. With this appointment, Judge Rawlinson is the first African-American woman to serve on the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals.

Judge Rawlinson graduated summa cum laude in 1974 from North Carolina AT&T State University, where she received a B.S. degree in psychology. In 1979, she graduated from the University of Pacific McGeorge School of Law, with distinction.
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Prior to taking the bench, Judge Rawlinson spent 18 years with the Office of the District Attorney. First, she served as deputy district attorney, from 1980-1989; then as chief deputy district attorney, from 1989-1995; and finally as assistant district attorney, where she supervised the Civil, Family Support and Administrative divisions, from 1995-1998. Since 1998, Judge Rawlinson has been a United States district court judge for the district of Nevada.

In addition to being a member of the National Bar Association, Judge Rawlinson is a member of the Clark County Bar Association, the Southern Nevada Association of Women Attorneys, the State Bar of Nevada, and the Just the Beginning Foundation, an organization that documents the achievements of African-American judges on the federal bench.

Judge Rawlinson will maintain her chambers in Las Vegas, Nevada.

JUDGE STEPHEN R. REINHARDT

Judge Reinhardt was appointed to the Ninth Circuit by President Carter on September 11, 1980.

Judge Reinhardt received a B.A. degree from Pomona College in 1951, and an LL.B. from Yale University in 1954. From 1954-1956, he held the rank of First Lieutenant in the United States Air Force.

Judge Reinhardt practiced law with the Los Angeles firm Fogel, Julber, Reinhardt, and Rothschild from 1960-1980. He served on the United States Commission on Civil Rights from 1962-1973; the Los Angeles Recreation and Parks Commission as President from 1974-1975; and the Los Angeles Police Commission from 1975-1978. From 1979-1984, he was a member of the Olympic Organizing Committee for the 1984 Olympic Games in Los Angeles. From 1984 to the present, Judge Reinhardt has been a member of the Board of Directors for the Amateur Athletic Foundation.
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Judge Reinhardt maintains his chambers in Los Angeles, California.

**JUDGE PAMELA ANN RYMER**

Judge Rymer was appointed to the Ninth Circuit by President Bush on May 22, 1989. She graduated from Vassar College with a B.A. in 1961, and an LL.B. from Stanford University in 1964. She practiced with the firm of Lillick, McHose, Wheat, Adams & Charles in Los Angeles from 1966-1975. She left the firm in 1975 to begin her own law firm; Toy & Rymer, specializing in antitrust and general business litigation. In 1983, she was appointed by President Reagan to the United States District Court for the Central District of California, where she served until 1989.

She was appointed to the California Postsecondary Education Commission by then-Governor Reagan in 1974 and was reappointed by Governor Jerry Brown in 1979. From 1980-1984, she served as chair. Since 1985, she has served as a member of the Board of Directors of the Constitutional Rights foundation; member of the Stanford University Law School Board of Visitors, and is a faculty member of the National Judicial College.

Judge Rymer maintains her chambers in Pasadena, California.

**JUDGE BARRY G. SILVERMAN**

President Clinton appointed Judge Silverman to the Ninth Circuit on February 2, 1998. He attended Arizona State University where he received a B.A. in 1973, and his J.D. in 1976. He was the Assistant City Prosecutor in Phoenix, Arizona from 1966-1977; Deputy City Attorney from 1977-79; and the Maricopa County Superior Court Commissioner from 1979-1984. Additionally, he served as a Superior Court Judge in Arizona from 1984-1995. From 1995-1997, he held the position of Magistrate Judge for the United States District Court in Arizona.
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Judge Silverman is a member of the State Bar of Arizona, the Maricopa County Bar Association, and the Law Society of the Arizona State University. His honors include: the Henry Stevens Award, Maricopa County Bar Association in 1991, the Award for Excellence as a Jurist, Family Law Committee, Maricopa County Bar Association in 1994, and the Outstanding Alumnus Award, Arizona State University in 1995.

Judge Silverman maintains his chambers in Phoenix, Arizona.

SENIOR JUDGE OTTO R. SKOPIL

Judge Skopil was appointed to the Ninth Circuit by President Carter on September 25, 1979. He assumed senior status on January 1, 1986. Judge Skopil graduated from Willamette University with a B.A. in 1941, and an LL.B degree in 1946. He served in the United States Navy Reserve from 1942-1947.


Judge Skopil served on the Board of the Federal Judicial Center in 1979. He has served on the Judicial Conference Committee on the Administration of the Federal Magistrates System and the Advisory Committee on Civil Rules. He currently chairs the Long-Range Planning Committee of the Judicial Conference of the United States.

Judge Skopil maintains his chambers in Portland, Oregon.
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SENIOR JUDGE JOSEPH T. SNEED

Judge Sneed was appointed to the Ninth Circuit on July 25, 1973, by President Nixon. He has maintained senior status since June 21, 1987. Judge Sneed completed his undergraduate work at Southwestern University in 1941. He received an LL.B. from the University of Texas in 1947, and a S.J.D. in judicial studies from Harvard University Law School in 1958. Judge Sneed was awarded an honorary LL.D. from Southwestern University in 1968. He also served in the Army as a Staff Sergeant from 1942-1946.

Judge Sneed served as an assistant, associate and Professor of Law at University of Texas School of Law from 1947-1957, Professor of Law at Cornell University from 1957-1962, Professor of Law at Stanford University from 1962-1971, and as Dean at Duke University from 1971 until his appointment in 1973.

He is a member of the Select Committee on Supreme Court Procedures of the California Supreme Court, The American Bar Association, The Association of American Law Schools, and the New York State and Texas Bars.

Judge Sneed maintains his chambers in San Francisco, California.

JUDGE RICHARD C. TALLMAN

Judge Tallman was appointed to the Ninth Circuit by President Clinton on May 25, 2000.

Judge Tallman graduated from the University of Santa Clara, California and from Northwestern School of Law, where he was executive editor of the law review.

After law school, Judge Tallman clerked for the United States District Judge Morell E. Sharp in the Western District of Washington. Following this clerkship, Judge Tallman worked in the criminal division of the United States Department of Justice in Washington, D.C., as a trial attorney and was later transferred to Seattle as an assistant U.S. attorney.
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In 1983, he entered private practice and served as an associate and later as a partner at Schweppe, Krug, Tausend & Beezer in Seattle. In 1990, he joined Bogle and Gates as chairman of its white collar criminal defense practice group. In 1999, he and Attorney Linda Severin founded the firm of Tallman and Severin, which specializes in white collar criminal defense and complex federal commercial litigation.

Judge Tallman sits on the executive board of the Chief of Seattle Council of the Boy Scouts of America. He has also served as chairman of the Edmonds Community College Foundation Board and general counsel to the Seattle-King County Crimestoppers. Judge Tallman is a member of the Federal Bar Association and served as its president in 1995. From 1996 to 1997, he chaired the Western District of Washington lawyer representatives to the Ninth Circuit Judicial Conference.

Judge Tallman will maintain his chambers in Seattle, Washington.

JUDGE A. WALLACE TASHIMA

Judge Tashima was appointed to the Ninth Circuit by President Clinton on January 4, 1996. He received his B.A. from the University of California at Los Angeles in 1958 and earned an LL.B. degree from Harvard University School of Law in 1961. Judge Tashima served as a Sergeant in the U.S. Marine Corps in Korea from 1953-1956.

Prior to his appointment to the Ninth Circuit, President Carter appointed Judge Tashima to the United States District Court for the Central District of California where he served from 1980-1995. Before his time on the bench, Judge Tashima practiced law for more than twenty years as a partner in the Los Angeles office of Morrison & Foerster.

Judge Tashima maintains his chambers in Pasadena, California.
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JUDGE SIDNEY R. THOMAS

Judge Thomas was appointed to the Ninth Circuit on January 4, 1996 by President Clinton. He completed his undergraduate studies at Montana State University in 1975 and received a J.D. from the University of Montana in 1978.

Judge Thomas practiced law with the firm of Moulton, Bellingham, Longo and Mather from 1978 until his appointment to the Ninth Circuit. He has served as an adjunct instructor, Rocky Mountain College, 1982-1995. His honors include the Governor's Award for Public Service, 1978, and the Rocky Mountain College Outstanding Faculty Award, 1988. He currently serves on the Executive Committee, Ninth Circuit Judicial Conference, and the Executive Committee, Ninth Circuit.

Judge Thomas maintains his chambers in Billings, Montana.

SENIOR JUDGE DAVID R. THOMPSON

Judge Thompson was appointed to the Ninth Circuit on December 17, 1985 by President Reagan. On December 31, 1998, Judge Thompson assumed senior status. He graduated from the University of Southern California, where he completed both a B.S. in 1952, and an LL.B. in 1957. Judge Thompson served in the Navy from 1955-1957. Prior to his appointment, Judge Thompson was a member of the firms Colton, Thompson & Thompson from 1957-1965, and Thompson & Thompson, from 1965 until his appointment in 1985.

Judge Thompson has held academic positions at the University of Santa Clara Law School and taught for the International Law Studies Program at Strasbourg. In 1991, Judge Thompson founded the Judges in the Classroom program, which introduces federal judges as speakers in San Diego city schools. Judge Thompson is Chairman of the National Judicial Conference Committee on the Administration of the Bankruptcy System in the United States, and the former Chairman of the Ninth Circuit Death Penalty Committee and Capital Case Coordinator for the Ninth Circuit, from 1993-1996.
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Judge Thompson maintains his chambers in San Diego, California.

JUDGE STEPHEN S. TROTT

Judge Trott was appointed to the Ninth Circuit on March 25, 1988, by President Reagan. He received a B.A. in 1962 from Wesleyan University, and an LL.B. in 1965 from Harvard University School of Law.

From 1981 to 1983, Judge Trott served as United States Attorney in Los Angeles, California. In 1983, he served as chief of the United States Justice Department's Criminal Division, and then became the Associate Attorney General in 1986.

Judge Trott is a member of the faculty of the National College of District Attorneys, and the former chairman of the Central District of the Law Enforcement Coordinating Committee, and former coordinator of the Los Angeles-Nevada Drug Enforcement Task Force.

Judge Trott maintains his chambers in Boise, Idaho.

SENIOR JUDGE J. CLIFFORD WALLACE

President Nixon appointed Judge Wallace to the Ninth Circuit on June 28, 1972. Judge Wallace assumed senior status on April 8, 1996. He received a B.A. from San Diego State University in 1952, and an LL.B. degree from the University of California at Berkeley, Boalt Hall School of Law in 1955. He served as a Second Class Petty Officer in the Navy from 1946-1949.


Judge Wallace served on the Judicial Conference Subcommittee on Federal Jurisdiction from 1975-1976; the Com-
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mittee to Consider Standards for Admission to Practice in the Federal Courts from 1976-79; and the Committee on the Judicial Branch. Judge Wallace served as Chief Judge of the Ninth Circuit from 1991 until 1996, when he assumed Senior status.

Judge Wallace maintains his chambers in San Diego, California.

JUDGE KIM M. WARDLAW


After graduation, she clerked for the Hon. W. Gray, United States District Court for the Central District of California until 1980, when she joined O'Melveny & Myers in Pasadena, California. From 1995 until her appointment to the Ninth Circuit, she served as a United States District Court Judge for the Central District of California.

Judge Wardlaw maintains her chambers in Pasadena, California.

SENIOR JUDGE EUGENE A. WRIGHT

Judge Wright was appointed to the Ninth Circuit by President Nixon on September 15, 1969. On September 15, 1983, exactly 12 years after his appointment, Judge Wright assumed senior status. He received his undergraduate degree in 1934 and received a J.D. degree in 1937 from the University of Washington. He practiced law with the firm of Wright & Wright in Seattle from 1937-1954, except for five years of military service during World War II, where he received a Bronze Star. He retired from the Army Reserve as a Lieutenant Colonel in 1965.
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Judge Wright was a Judge Pro Tem of the Seattle Municipal Court from 1948-1952; Judge of the Superior Court for King County, Washington from 1954-1966; and Chairman of the Washington State Committee of Law and Justice from 1968-1969. He was a founder of the National Judicial College and a member of its faculty from 1964-1972. He has served on the United States Judicial Conference Advisory Committee on Appellate Rules and the Judicial Conference Committee on Judicial Ethics. He is a member of the American Bar Association, the Washington State Bar Association and the Seattle-King County Bar Association.

Judge Wright maintains his chambers in Seattle.