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**Lucy H. Koh Confirmed as Federal Judge
for Northern District of California**

SAN FRANCISCO – The United States Senate has confirmed President Obama’s nomination of Santa Clara County Superior Court Judge Lucy H. Koh, to serve as a district judge on the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California.

Judge Koh, 41, was confirmed today by a unanimous vote of the Senate. She is expected to receive her commission shortly and will fill a judgeship vacant since March 2, 2009, when District Judge Ronald M. Whyte took senior status.

Judge Koh was appointed to the Santa Clara County Superior Court in 2008 by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger. Prior to coming onto the bench, she had been a litigation partner since 2002 in the Palo Alto office of McDermott, Will and Emery, practicing appellate, commercial and criminal law, intellectual property, and litigation. Prior to that, she was a senior associate at Wilson, Sonsini, Goodrich & Rosati from 2000 to 2002.

Judge Koh served as an assistant U.S. attorney in the U.S. Attorney’s Office for the Central District of California in Los Angeles from 1997 to 2000. She also worked in the U.S. Department of Justice as a special assistant to the deputy attorney general from 1996 to 1997, and as a special counsel, from 1994 to 1996.

Judge Koh received her undergraduate degree from Harvard University in 1990 and her J.D. from Harvard Law School in 1993.

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Judge Koh has been a member of the board of directors of the Korean American Bar Association of Northern California. She also has been an active member of the Asian American Bar Association and has served as a board member of the Asian Pacific Bar Association of Silicon Valley.

The U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California had 7,341 case filings in 2009. The court is authorized 14 judgeships, two of which are currently vacant.

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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