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Richard G. Seeborg Appointed District Judge for Northern District of California

SAN FRANCISCO – The United States Senate today confirmed President Obama’s nomination of U.S. Magistrate Judge Richard G. Seeborg to serve as a district judge on the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California.

Judge Seeborg, 52, was confirmed by unanimous consent of the Senate. He is expected to receive his commission shortly and will fill a judgeship vacant since June 30, 2009, when U.S. District Judge Maxine M. Chesney took senior status.

Nominated by President Obama on August 6, 2009, Judge Seeborg had his hearing before the Senate Judiciary Committee on September 23, 2009, and was reported favorably out of committee on October 15, 2009.

Judge Seeborg has served as a magistrate judge for the Northern District since 2001 and was reappointed in 2009 to a second eight-year term by the district judges of the court. Prior to coming onto the federal bench, he worked in the San Francisco and Palo Alto offices of the law firm of Morrison & Foerster, serving as an equity partner from 1998 to 2000, and as an associate from 1982 to 1991. In between his two tenures at Morrison & Foerster, he served as an assistant U.S. attorney in San Jose.

Judge Seeborg received his undergraduate degree from Yale College in 1978 and his J.D. from Columbia University School of Law in 1981. After law school, he served a judicial clerkship for U.S. District Judge John H. Pratt of the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia.

The U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California had 6,694 case filings in 2008. The court is authorized 14 judgeships, three of which are 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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