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Senate Confirms P. Casey Pitts for Federal Judgeship in Northern District of California

SAN FRANCISCO – The United States Senate today voted 53-46 to confirm President Joseph R. Biden, Jr.’s, nomination of Mr. P. Casey Pitts to serve as a U.S. district judge for the Northern District of California.

Chief District Judge Richard Seeborg, of the Northern District of California, said “Casey Pitts is a very welcome addition to the Northern District, particularly to our busy San Jose division. He brings to the Court a distinguished legal background in civil practice which will serve our district well.”

Pitts was nominated for the judgeship on Sept. 6, 2022, and had his nomination hearing on Dec. 13, 2022. His nomination was pending and thus was returned to the president when the Second Session of the 117th Congress adjourned on Jan. 3, 2023. Pitts was renominated on January 23, and his nomination was reported to the Senate and placed on the Senate Executive Calendar on February 9. Following his oath, he will fill a judgeship vacant since Dec. 13, 2021, when District Judge Lucy H. Koh was elevated to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit. He will maintain chambers in San Jose.

Pitts has been a partner since 2017 at Altshuler Berzon LLP in San Francisco and was an associate at the firm from 2009 through 2016. His practice focused on complex impact and appellate litigation in federal and state courts on behalf of workers, labor unions, consumers, public entities, and public interest organizations in cases involving constitutional law, employment discrimination, federal and state wage and hour and labor laws, class and collective actions, voting rights, antitrust law and intellectual property; legal advice work for public interest clients, including government entities and international and local labor unions; and representation of local labor unions in collective bargaining. He was named a “Super Lawyer” in Labor and Employment Law in the 2021, 2022 and 2023 Northern California Super Lawyers listings in San Francisco Magazine, and a “Lawdragon 500 Leading Plaintiff Employment Lawyer” in 2020, 2021 and 2022.

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Born in Moorhead, Minnesota, and raised in Fargo, North Dakota, Pitts received his Bachelor of Arts, summa cum laude, from Yale University in 2003 and his Juris Doctor from Yale Law School in 2008. Following law school, he clerked for Circuit Judge Stephen Reinhardt on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit from 2008 to 2009.

Pitts has been an active member of the Bar Association of San Francisco, the AFL-CIO Union Lawyers Alliance, and BALIF, the Bay Area's LGBTQ+ bar association. Pitts was an appellate lawyer representative to the Ninth Circuit Judicial Conference from 2018 to 2021.

The U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California had 9,419 new case filings in calendar year 2022. The court is authorized 14 judgeships and currently has two vacancies.

Appointed under Article III of the U.S. 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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