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Senate Confirms Judge Daniel J. Calabretta for Federal Judgeship in Eastern District of California

Sacramento, CA – The U.S. Senate today voted 51-45 to confirm presidential nominee Sacramento Superior Court Judge Daniel J. Calabretta to serve as a U.S. district judge for the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of California.

“The Sacramento Superior Court bench extends its congratulations to Judge Calabretta on his appointment and we look forward to following his work during this next chapter of his judicial career,” Presiding Court Judge Michael G. Bowman said.

Judge Calabretta was nominated for the judgeship by President Joseph R. Biden, Jr. on Aug. 1, 2022 and had his nomination hearing before the Senate Judiciary Committee on Oct. 12, 2022. His nomination remained pending and was returned to the president when the Second Session of the 117th Congress adjourned on Jan. 3, 2023.

President Biden renominated Judge Calabretta on Jan. 3 and his nomination was reported to the Senate Floor on Feb. 2. Upon taking his oath, Judge Calabretta will become the first openly gay judge appointed to the Eastern District. He will maintain chambers in Sacramento.

“Our bench is delighted by the welcome news of Judge Calabretta’s confirmation and look forward to his appointment by the President. His reputation as an exemplary judge and public servant precedes him,” Chief District Judge Kimberly J. Mueller of the Eastern District of California said in a press release. “We look forward to welcoming him soon as a colleague, and know that the many litigants who entrust their cases to our court will be well served by his diligence and hard work, excellent judgment and humility.”

Judge Calabretta graduated with honors from Princeton University in 2000 and went on to earn his Juris Doctor magna cum laude from the University of Chicago Law School in 2003.

After graduating from law school, Judge Calabretta became clerk for the Hon. William Fletcher with the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit. In 2004, he also served a year-long clerkship for the Hon. John Paul Stevens with the U.S. Supreme Court in Washington, D.C.

After completing his clerkships, Judge Calabretta became an associate with the law firm Munger, Tolles and Olson LLP in Los Angeles. In 2008, he joined the California Department of Justice's Office of the Attorney General, where he served as a deputy attorney general for five years.

In 2013 Judge Calabretta joined the Office of the Governor, where he served as a deputy of legal affairs. He was appointed to the Sacramento Superior Court judgeship in 2019 by then Gov. Jerry Brown.

Judge Calabretta had served as the presiding judge of the Juvenile Court since 2022.