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**Senate Confirms Attorney Daniel Aaron Bress to
Seat on Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals**

SAN FRANCISCO – The United States Senate today has confirmed President Donald Trump’s nomination of attorney Daniel Aaron Bress to serve as a judge of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit. Senators gave their consent by a vote of 53-45.

Judge Bress was nominated to the court on February 6, 2019. After his appearance before the Senate Judiciary Committee on May 22, 2019, his nomination was reported to the Senate floor on June 20, 2019.

Prior to his appointment to the bench, Judge Bress had been a partner at the law firm of Kirkland & Ellis LLP in Washington, D.C., since 2011. Before joining Kirkland as an associate in 2008, Judge Bress was an associate at Munger, Tolles & Olson LLP in San Francisco from 2007 to 2008.

Born in Hollister, California, Judge Bress received his J.D., Order of the Coif, in 2005 from the University of Virginia School of Law, where he was editor-in-chief of the Virginia Law Review from 2004 to 2005. He received his A.B. from Harvard College, magna cum laude, in 2001. Following law school, he clerked for Judge J. Harvie Wilkinson, III, of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit, from 2005 to 2006, and for Justice Antonin Scalia of the U.S. Supreme Court from 2006 to 2007.

Judge Bress served as an adjunct professor of law for the University of Virginia School of Law in Charlottesville in the winter of 2009, 2010 and 2011, and as an adjunct professor of law for Columbus School of Law in Washington, D.C., in the fall of 2016 and in the spring of 2019.

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The Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals hears appeals of cases decided by executive branch agencies and federal trial courts in nine western states and two Pacific Island jurisdictions. The court normally meets monthly in Seattle, Washington; San Francisco, California; and Pasadena, California; every other month in Portland, Oregon; three times per year in Honolulu, Hawaii; and twice a year in Anchorage, Alaska.

The U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit had 10,502 new case filings in calendar year 2018. The court is authorized 29 judgeships and currently has one vacancy and two future vacancies announced.

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