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JACL Applauds Historic Senate Confirmation of Jacqueline Nguyen

Washington, D.C. - On Tuesday, December 1, 2009, the U.S. Senate confirmed Judge Jacqueline Nguyen as a federal district judge in the Central District of California by a vote of 97 to 0. The Japanese American Citizens League, the largest and oldest civil and human rights organization in the nation, applauds the U.S. Senate and congratulates Judge Nguyen for this historic confirmation, as she is the first Vietnamese-American woman to serve as a federal district court judge in the United States.

Prior to her confirmation as federal district court judge, Judge Nguyen was a federal prosecutor with the Justice Department's Criminal Division and served as the Deputy Chief of the General Crimes Section. In 2002, she was appointed a Superior Court Judge for the County of Los Angeles, where she served for seven years. Judge Nguyen received her undergraduate degree from Occidental College in 1987 and her law degree from the University of California at Los Angeles in 1991.

The JACL is pleased with Judge Nguyen's confirmation as she will provide much needed diversity among the federal judiciary. Currently, Asian American and Pacific Islanders (AAPIs) make up less than one percent of all federal judges. The JACL is hopeful that Judge Nguyen's confirmation is only the beginning for AAPI judicial nominees as the Senate continues to work diligently to ensure that other judicial nominees, including Judge Edward Chen, Judge Dolly Gee, and Judge Denny Chin, are confirmed.

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