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Senate Confirms New Judge for
U.S. District Court for District of Arizona

SAN FRANCISCO – The United States Senate today voted 60-35 to confirm President Trump's nomination of Dominic William Lanza, who currently serves as chief/executive assistant U.S. attorney, to serve as a district judge of the U.S. District Court for the District of Arizona.

Judge Lanza was nominated on January 24, 2018, and had his hearing on March 7, 2018. The Senate reported his nomination out of committee on April 19, 2018. He fills a judgeship vacated by District Judge Susan R. Bolton, who took senior status on September 1, 2016.

Judge Lanza, 42, has been the chief/executive assistant U.S. attorney for the District of Arizona since 2015. Prior to that, he served as chief of the Financial Crimes and Public Integrity Section, from 2012 to 2015, and as an assistant U.S. attorney from 2008 to 2012. Judge Lanza practiced law as an associate at Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher LLP in Los Angeles from 2003 to 2008.

Born in Seattle, Judge Lanza received his J.D., cum laude, in 2002 from Harvard Law School, where he served as editor and transition chair of the Harvard Law Review from 2000 to 2002. He received his A.B., summa cum laude, from Dartmouth College in 1998. Following law school, he clerked for Judge Pamela Ann Rymer of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit from 2002 to 2003.

The U.S. District Court for the District of Arizona had 6,052 new case filings in calendar year 2017. The court is authorized 13 judgeships, which includes 1 temporary judgeship, and the court currently has three vacancies.

Appointed under Article III of the 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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