

FROM THE SENATE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE MAJORITY STAFF

GOODWIN LIU, NOMINEE TO THE NINTH CIRCUIT COURT OF APPEALS RENOWNED LEGAL SCHOLAR AND DEDICATED PUBLIC SERVANT

Goodwin Liu was first nominated on February 24, 2010, to fill a judicial emergency vacancy on the U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit. When confirmed, Goodwin Liu will become only the second active Asian Pacific American judge to serve on a federal appellate court. He will be the only Asian American in active service on the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals, whose jurisdiction is home to over 40 percent of the nation's Asian American population.

Professor Liu is an accomplished legal scholar who has been praised by colleagues.

- Professor Liu graduated from Stanford University, *Phi Beta Kappa*. He is a Rhodes Scholar, and he earned a Master's degree from Oxford University. He received his Juris Doctor from Yale Law School, where he was an editor of the *Yale Law Review*.
- Professor Liu has clerked for two respected jurists: **Judge David Tatel** of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia, and **Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg**.
- Before joining the faculty at the University of California Berkeley School of Law, where he is currently a professor and where he was formerly a dean, Professor Liu was an associate in the Washington, D.C., office of O'Melveny & Myers.
- Professor Liu has **received many awards for academic and legal expertise**. He was awarded Berkeley Law's highest teaching award. Other awards include Yale Law School's Pacific Islander, Asian, and Native American Law Students Association Alumni Award; Stanford University's Asian American Alumni Award; and the Stanford Associate Governors' award for exemplary volunteer service.
- **The American Bar Association gave Professor Liu its highest judicial rating – unanimously well qualified.**

Professor Liu is a dedicated public servant.

- Professor Liu served as a special assistant to the Deputy Secretary of Education, where he advised the Secretary and the Deputy Secretary on a **range of legal and policy issues**.
- While at O'Melveny & Myers, Professor Liu maintained an active pro bono practice. During that time, he worked with Walter Dellinger on a pro bono challenge to an FBI decision concerning a Freedom of Information Act request from a federal inmate. **Professor Liu argued the case before the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia.**
- Professor Liu worked for two years at the Corporation for National Service (CNS), where **he helped to launch the AmeriCorps national service program**. He led efforts at CNS to build community service programs at colleges and universities nationwide.
- Professor Liu continues to devote time to serving the needs of the disadvantaged, especially low-income and minority children in public schools.

Conservatives have commended Professor Liu's "integrity" and "independent thinking."

- Tom Campbell, a former five-term Republican Congressman from California who testified in favor of Judge Robert Bork's nomination to the Supreme Court, stated that Professor Liu "will bring scholarly distinction and a **strong reputation for integrity, fair-mindedness, and collegiality** to the Ninth Circuit."
- Clint Bolick, director of the conservative Goldwater Institute, wrote, "Having reviewed several of his academic writings, I find Prof. Liu to exhibit **fresh, independent thinking and intellectual honesty**. He clearly possesses the scholarly credentials and experience to serve with distinction on this important court."
- James Guthrie, a director at the George W. Bush Institute in Dallas and a respected scholar who worked with Professor Liu, noted that, "[m]ore than an ideologue, I think [Professor Liu] is a **pragmatist**."