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## **CKA Celebrates Historic Confirmation of Judge Lucy H. Koh**

**Washington, D.C.** - On Monday, the U.S. Senate voted to confirm the appointment of Judge Lucy H. Koh to serve on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit. Judge Koh is the first Korean American woman to serve as a federal appellate judge in the nation's history.

“The Council of Korean Americans congratulates Judge Koh on her confirmation to the Ninth Circuit,” said Abraham Kim, Executive Director of CKA. “Her confirmation is a historic milestone for the Korean American community. It is an especially important moment for CKA, given her mentorship of our members and commitment to promoting diversity at the highest levels.”

“We applaud the long-awaited promotion of Judge Koh to the Ninth Circuit. She is a thoughtful jurist with unassailable integrity and commitment to public service,” said Michelle Rhyu, Board Chair of CKA. “How marvelous it is for the Asian American community, and particularly women in the community, to see Judge Koh take her seat on this wide-reaching appellate court.”

CKA [supported her nomination](#) when President Biden announced it in September of this year. Most recently, Judge Koh served as a federal judge for the Northern District of California. Previously, she served as California Superior Court Judge for Santa Clara County and held numerous positions in private practice and in public service.

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The Council of Korean Americans is a national nonprofit organization. Our mission is to advance the national voice, interest, and influence of the Korean American community through education, collaboration, and leadership development.

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