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### **THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON WELCOMES DISTRICT JUDGE JOHN H. CHUN**

On April 11, 2022, Judge John H. Chun was sworn in by Chief Judge Ricardo Martinez to be a United States District Judge for the Western District of Washington, seated in Seattle. Judge Chun's appointment fills a judgeship vacant since June 28, 2016, when District Judge James L. Robart assumed senior status. Judge Chun is the first Article III judge of South Korean descent in the district.

Judge Chun received his Bachelor of Arts from Columbia University in 1991 and his Juris Doctor from Cornell Law School in 1994, where he was a note editor for the Cornell Law Review. During law school, he was a research assistant for Professor Robert S. Summers and Professor James A. Henderson. In 1993, he was a summer associate at Hancock, Rothert, and Bunshoft LLP (now Duane Morris LLP). In 1994, he was a summer intern with the U.S. Department of Justice, Civil Division, Federal Programs Branch, and was a summer associate with Stoel Rives Boley Jones and Grey (now Stoel Rives LLP). From 1994 to 1995, Judge Chun served as a law clerk to Circuit Judge Eugene A. Wright of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit. He was admitted to the Washington State bar in 1995 and was with Mundt MacGregor LLP until 2005, first as an associate from 1995 to 2001 and then as a partner from 2002 to 2005. From 2002 to 2005 Judge Chun was an adjunct professor at the Seattle University School of Law and from 2005 to 2006 he was a partner at Preston, Gates, and Ellis, LLP (now K&L Gates LLP) in Seattle. From 2006 to 2013 he was a member of the Summit Law Group in Seattle.

In 2014, Judge Chun was appointed as a Washington State Judge in King County Superior Court in Seattle. In 2018, he was appointed to the Washington State Court of Appeals, Division One, and retained his seat in November 2019 when he ran unopposed.

Judge Chun was named a "Top 100 Washington Super Lawyer" in 2007, 2011, and 2013. In 2014, he was named a "Washington Litigation Star," Benchmark Litigation. In 2020, he received the Catlin Gabel School Distinguished Alumni Achievement Award.

A formal investiture ceremony will be scheduled at a future date.