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NFALA Celebrates the Confirmation of Patrick Bumatay to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit

Los Angeles, CA — Today, the U.S. Senate confirmed Patrick J. Bumatay to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit. Bumatay becomes the first Filipino American judge to ever serve on a federal appeals court, the second openly LGBT federal circuit court judge, and the second Filipino American Article III judge in the history of the United States.

"We congratulate Patrick on his historic confirmation to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit," said Philip Nulud, president of the National Filipino American Lawyers Association (NFALA). "Patrick's strong qualifications, including his breadth of experience as a federal prosecutor, a defense attorney, and a senior Department of Justice attorney, make him ideal for the Ninth Circuit." Nulud added: "We commend President Trump on his selection of Patrick, adding much-needed diversity to the federal judiciary. Patrick is a proud first generation Filipino American and the son of Filipino immigrants to the United States. I have no doubt he will serve the Ninth Circuit and the people of California, Alaska, Arizona, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Oregon, Washington, Guam, and the Northern Mariana Islands with excellence, fairness, integrity and intellect. We look forward to seeing the impact he will make not only on the bench, but also on the community."

Bumatay is an Assistant United States Attorney in the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Southern District of California, where he is a member of the Organized Crime and Drug Enforcement Task Forces Section. He is currently detailed to the Office of the Attorney General, where he serves as Counselor to the Attorney General on various criminal issues, including the national opioid strategy and transnational organized crime. Bumatay has demonstrated a strong commitment to public service, serving as a Department of Justice attorney during the administrations of George W. Bush, Barack Obama, and Donald Trump.

Bumatay is a member of NFALA and two of NFALA's affiliates, the Filipino American Lawyers of San Diego (FALSD) and Filipino American Lawyers Association of Washington, D.C. (FALA DC). NFALA and its Judicial Executive Nominations and Appointments Committee (JENAC) recommended Bumatay to the White House earlier this year and has supported him throughout the appointment and confirmation process.

NFALA is the national voice for the Filipino American legal profession. It advocates for justice, civil rights, and equal opportunity for the Filipino American community. It cultivates high standards of integrity and professionalism among its members and strives for the advancement and success of Filipino Americans within the profession. NFALA is a family, comprised of members throughout the United States, with the shared goal of increasing its national growth, impact, and visibility while also celebrating its members' cultural heritage.

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