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## U.S. Supreme Court Justice Neil M. Gorsuch to Attend Ninth Circuit Judicial Conference

**SAN FRANCISCO** – Associate Justice Neil M. Gorsuch of the Supreme Court of the United States, will be an honored guest at the 2017 Ninth Circuit Judicial Conference, which begins Monday, July 17, 2017, at the San Francisco Marriott Marquis Hotel.

Ninth Circuit Chief Judge Sidney R. Thomas said Justice Gorsuch will appear in place of Justice Anthony M. Kennedy, who is unable to attend due to a family matter.

"We want to thank Justice Gorsuch for so graciously agreeing to participate in our conference, particularly on such short notice," Judge Thomas said. "Justice Kennedy and his wife, Mary, will be missed, and all of us send them our best wishes."

Justice Gorsuch will participate in several activities scheduled for the opening day of the conference. He will be a panelist at a special program on civics education; speak to new citizens at a naturalization ceremony; and engage in a discussion of civics education with the director and producer of the hit stage musical "Hamilton."

Justice Gorsuch is the newest member of the U.S. Supreme Court. Nominated by President Trump, he was confirmed by the Senate on April 7, 2017, and received his judicial commission the following day. A brief biography of Justice Gorsuch and his photograph are attached.