

**UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS  
FOR THE NINTH CIRCUIT**

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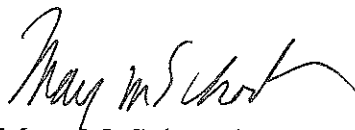
Dear Mr. Shapiro:

As you may know, the judges of the Court of Appeals have approved the recommendation of the Court-Council Committee on Bankruptcy Appointments that Mike Nakagawa be selected as the next bankruptcy judge for the District of Nevada. On behalf of the Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, I want to express my sincere gratitude to you for serving on the Merit Screening Committee in this recruitment. I know that this was a very close contest with very highly qualified candidates.

We regard the selection of bankruptcy judges as among the most critical administrative decisions we make in this circuit, and your role in the initial screening of candidates was a vital step in that process. Because of your efforts, the District of Nevada will be well served by a new and highly competent bankruptcy judge.

Thank you for your invaluable service to the District of Nevada and to the Court of Appeals.

Sincerely,



Mary M. Schroeder  
Chief Judge

cc: Ms. Velando