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The United States District Court is pleased to announce the appointment of William V. Gallo to be a Magistrate Judge of the United States District Court for the Southern District of California. Mr. Gallo will fill the opening created by the recent retirement of Magistrate Judge Leo S. Papas. The Court has not yet scheduled a formal swearing in.

Mr. Gallo is a native of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. He is a graduate of Duquesne University and the Loyola University (of Chicago) School of Law. From 1991 to the present, Mr. Gallo has been an Assistant United States Attorney in the Southern District of California where his law practice concentrated on the prosecution of federal drug offenses. His assignments included representing the United States before the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit.

Mr. Gallo served as Judge Advocate in the United States Marine Corps. From 1978 to 2005, he served as an officer in the United States Marine Corps and Marine Corps Reserve.

Chief Judge Gonzalez said of the selection, "Bill Gallo is highly qualified and will make a significant contribution to our bench."

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