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Renowned Immigration Lawyer to Receive Ninth Circuit Professionalism Award

SAN FRANCISCO – Robert B. Jobe, a well-known and highly respected immigration lawyer from San Francisco, has been named the 2016 recipient of the American Inns of Court’s prestigious Ninth Circuit Professionalism Award. Mr. Jobe will receive the award on July 11, 2016, during the opening session of the 2016 Ninth Circuit Judicial Conference in Big Sky, Montana.

Mr. Jobe is being recognized for his outstanding appellate advocacy. He was nominated for the honor by judges of the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, where he appears regularly on behalf of people facing deportation or removal from this country. The nomination also received endorsements from government attorneys who have been his opposing counsel.

Considered one of the deans of the immigration bar, Mr. Jobe has argued numerous cases before the Ninth Circuit, which has the most immigration-related appeals of any federal appellate court. Many of his representations have been on a pro bono basis, including arguments made in critically important cases before en banc courts.

In his letter of nomination, which was joined by 22 of his colleagues, Ninth Circuit Judge Carlos T. Bea described Mr. Jobe “a superb advocate,” deserving recognition for the acuteness of his briefs and oral arguments, depth of knowledge of immigration law, and willingness to be direct and frank in answering questions from the bench. As important, Judge Bea added, Mr. Jobe’s achievements came in the complicated and frequently changing field of immigration law while working with clients who are usually poor and lacking resources for investigations and the production of evidence.

“Immigration practice is hard on the lawyer. These considerations all make Mr. Jobe’s contributions all the more meritorious,” Judge Bea wrote.

Most of Mr. Jobe's career has been in private practice in San Francisco. He founded his own named firm in 1990. He was previously a supervising attorney with La Raza Centro Legal, from 1988 to 1990, and an associate with the law firm of McCutchen, Doyle, Brown and Enersen (now Bingham McCutchen) from 1987 to 1988.

Mr. Jobe received his B.A. from the University of Michigan in 1982, after which he served as a legislative aide in the Michigan House of Representatives. He received his J.D. from the University of Michigan School of Law in 1987.

In addition to the Ninth Circuit, he is admitted to practice at the U.S. Supreme Court; the courts of appeal for the District of Columbia and the Fifth, Seventh and Eighth circuits; and federal trial courts in California.

The American Inns of Court professionalism award is given annually in all of the federal circuits to "a lawyer or judge whose life and practice display sterling character and unquestioned integrity, coupled with ongoing dedication to the highest standards of the legal profession and the rule of law."

Senior Circuit Judge Mary M. Schroeder of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, a former board member of the American Inns of Court, will present the award.

The Ninth Circuit Judicial Conference is authorized by law "for the purpose of considering the business of the courts and advising means of improving the administration of justice within the circuit." 28 U.S.C. § 333. Conferees include circuit, district, bankruptcy and magistrate judges working in federal courts in nine western states and two Pacific island territories; lawyers practicing in these courts; court staff; and special guests.

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