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Senate Committee Approves D.C. Superior Court Nominee

D.C. Superior Court nominee William Nooter received approval today from the U.S. Senate committee that handles judicial nominations for the District of Columbia's local courts.

Nooter's nomination was not controversial. Sen. Mark Begich (D-Alaska), who chairs the subcommittee that oversees D.C. affairs, said today that Nooter, currently serving as a magistrate judge in D.C. Superior Court, gave a "great presentation" when he appeared for a confirmation hearing Oct. 8. Things went so well, Begich said, the hearing lasted only 18 minutes.

"When you have good, qualified candidates that both sides agree to, it moves the process very quickly," Begich said.

Nooter, the presiding magistrate judge in Superior Court, will now go before the full Senate for a vote. He is not expected to face opposition.

President Barack Obama nominated Nooter to the bench in July. He's been a magistrate judge in the court since 2000.

Before his appointment to Superior Court, Nooter focused on civil matters in private practice at Washington's Jordan Coyne & Savits. He previously served as a trial attorney in the District of Columbia's Office of Corporation Counsel, now known as the Office of the Attorney General.

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