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William J. Maledon Appointed to Ninth Circuit Advisory Board

SAN FRANCISCO – Phoenix attorney William J. Maledon has been appointed to the Ninth Circuit Advisory Board, a group of prominent attorneys that advises on the effective administration of the federal courts in the western states.

Mr. Maledon, 64, is a member of Osborn Maledon, P.A., and leads the firm’s litigation practice. He is considered one of the leading commercial litigation and trial attorneys in Arizona.

"I am honored to work with the chief judge, other judges and the experienced attorneys who serve on the Advisory Board," Mr. Maledon said. "I welcome the opportunity to provide input concerning court operations and ways to improve the administration of justice within the circuit."

The Advisory Board acts as an advisor to the chief judge and the Judicial Council of the Ninth Circuit, which sets policy for federal courts in Arizona, eight other western states and two Pacific Island jurisdictions. The board formulates recommendations for improvement of judicial administration, comments on proposed changes in practice and procedure, and participates in the annual Ninth Circuit Judicial Conference. More recently, the board has sought to educate lawmakers about the judicial vacancy crisis in the courts.

Appointments to the Advisory Board are made by Chief Judge Alex Kozinski of the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, who chairs the Judicial Council. Selection is based on an outstanding record of contributions to the administration of the federal courts of the circuit, demonstrated leadership, and past service to the Judicial Conference.

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Mr. Maledon has made extensive contributions to the administration of both federal and state courts. An appointee of Chief Justice John G. Roberts, Jr., he has served the Judicial Conference of the United States as a member of the Standing Committee for Rules of Practice and Procedure since 2005. He served on the Arizona Supreme Court Committee on Complex Litigation from 2001 to 2010, and on the U.S. District Court for Arizona Magistrate Judge Selection Committee from 1996 to 2000. He was a delegate to the Ninth Circuit Judicial Conference from 1995 to 1998.

Active in the bar, Mr. Maledon is an elected fellow of the American Bar Foundation and founding fellow of the Arizona Bar Foundation. He has served on the boards of directors of the Phoenix Association of Defense Counsel and the Arizona Center for Law in the Public Interest.

A Michigan native, Mr. Maledon received his B.S. in 1969 from Loyola University of Chicago, and his J.D. in 1972 from the University of Notre Dame, where he graduated *summa cum laude* and served as editor-in-chief of the “Notre Dame Law Review.” He clerked for the late Supreme Court Justice William J. Brennan, Jr., from 1972 to 1973.

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