



UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS
FOR THE NINTH CIRCUIT

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President Joseph R. Biden, Jr.
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
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Dear President Biden:

I am writing to inform you that I intend to resign as a United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals, effective May 31, 2023.

It has been the honor of a lifetime to serve as a judge on the Ninth Circuit for the past ten years. I will be forever grateful to President Obama and the Senate for giving me the opportunity to serve our country as a member of the federal judiciary.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Paul J. Watford".

Paul J. Watford

cc: The Honorable John G. Roberts, Jr., Chief Justice of the United States
The Honorable Mary H. Murguia, Chief Judge of the U.S. Court of Appeals
for the Ninth Circuit
The Honorable Roslynn R. Mauskopf, Director of the Administrative Office
of the U.S. Courts
The Honorable John S. Cooke, Director, Federal Judicial Center
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