

Kozinski Fall Carries 'MeToo' Message For Judges, Clerks

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Law360, New York (December 18, 2017, 8:26 PM EST) -- It took barely a week for a wave of sexual harassment allegations to sink Ninth Circuit Judge Alex Kozinski, but court watchers said his Monday resignation should send ripples through the courts for years to come as clerks and staffers become more emboldened to complain about problematic judges.

Ninth Circuit Judge Alex Kozinski, pictured in 2014, stepped down Monday after facing accusations of sexual misconduct toward staff going back decades. (AP) Judge Kozinski on Monday announced his resignation after more than a dozen women provided accounts...

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Facing mounting accusations of sexual harassment and misconduct, the former judge's legacy — once set to be that of a prolific writer with a mischievous sense of humor — has become complicated.

After 32 years of active service on the court, Kozinski leaves behind a reputation of a civil libertarian, whose judicial philosophy could never be pigeonholed. How his reputation will fare in light of his fall from grace remains to be seen.

Kozinski announced his resignation Monday, three days after the Washington Post ran a story about a second set of women who came forward to accuse him of sexual misconduct.

Four women told the paper that Kozinski touched or kissed them without their permission.

“There’s no question that he was an extremely intelligent and insightful judge,” observed Deborah L. Rhode, a legal ethicist at Stanford Law School. “The opinions he wrote will speak for themselves. But the personal conduct was truly egregious. One wonders why it took this long for it to surface.”

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Appointments of Lui, Egerton to C.A. Posts Confirmed by Appointments Commission

Selection of Guerrero for Fourth District Seat Also Approved

Elwood Lui was confirmed Friday by the Commission on Judicial Appointments as a presiding justice in this district's Court of Appeal and Anne H. Egerton was cleared to take a seat as an associate justice in the district. Lui was an associate justice on Div. One up until he was sworn in by Chief Justice Tani G. Cantil-Sakauye at Friday's hearing in San Francisco as the head of Div. Two. He replaces Roger Boren, who retired. Egerton was a Los Angeles Superior Court judge. She assumed the seat on Div. Three that became vacant upon the retirement of Patti Kitching.

Patricia Guerrero became an associate justice of the Fourth District Court of Appeal's San Diego-based Div. One. She fills the vacancy created by the death of Alex C. McDonald.

The appointments were approved by a unanimous vote. The commission is comprised at all confirmation hearings by the chief justice and the state attorney general; Cantil-Sakauye and Attorney General Xavier Becerra participated yesterday.

The third member is generally the senior Court of Appeal presiding justice of the district to which the appointment has been made, which in this district is Arthur Gilbert of Div. Six, who voted on Egerton. However, Dennis Perluss of Div. Seven acted on the confirmation of Lui.

Manuel A. Ramirez, presiding justice of the Fourth District's Div. Two, joined Cantil-Sakauye and Becerra in voting to confirm Guerrero.

The elevation of Lui now creates a vacancy in this district's Div. One. There are also two vacancies in Div. Five—created by the death of Presiding Justice Paul A. Turner on May 18 and the retirement of an associate justice, Richard Mosk (since deceased), on March 30, 2016—and an empty seat in Div. Seven, due to the retirement of Justice Fred Woods on March 31, 2015.

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