

The Honorable Jeff Flake
Judge Bridge Bade Introduction
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Senator Flake Introduction for Bridget Bade

- I am grateful for the opportunity to briefly introduce Judge Bridget Bade.
- Judge Bade has been nominated to fill a long-standing vacancy in Arizona on the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals.
- After graduating *cum laude* from Arizona State University’s Sandra Day O’Connor College of Law in 1990, Judge Bade clerked for the Honorable Judge Edith Jones of the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals.
- Following her clerkship, she joined the Attorney General’s Honors Program at the Department of Justice, where she served in the Environmental Torts Section of the Civil Division.
- In 1995, Judge Bade moved back to Arizona and became a partner in her private practice law firm where she primarily focused on complex litigation in Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act cost recovery actions and toxic torts.
- For six years, beginning in 2006, Judge Bade served as an Assistant United States Attorney for the District of Arizona in both the civil and appellate divisions, representing Arizona and the United States on a wide range of issues.
- In June 2012, Judge Bade was selected by a bipartisan panel of her peers to serve as a magistrate judge for the United States District Court for the District of Arizona. Since that time, she has issued approximately 14,781 orders, reports, and recommendations from the bench; presided over four

trials that have gone to verdict; and reviewed appeals in high-profile cases that impact Arizona's well-being, including the recent Backpage.com case.

- Judge Bade is a well-respected jurist among Arizona's legal community, and she has received support across the political spectrum from her superiors, colleagues, clerks, and former professors.
- The American Bar Association has evaluated Judge Bade's character, temperament, and qualifications for her nomination to the Ninth Circuit, and it has given her its highest rating: unanimously well qualified.
- I am proud that Judge Bade is roundly recognized as a consensus nominee.
- But more importantly, I am proud that Judge Bade has spent her legal career serving the people of Arizona. For that I thank her.
- I am pleased to introduce Judge Bade to my colleagues on the Judiciary Committee, and I look forward to supporting her nomination.