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Judge Stephen L. Johnson was appointed by the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals on October 13, 2010.

Judge Johnson received a Bachelor of Science from the University of San Francisco with honors and a Juris Doctor from Hastings College of the Law, where he was a member of the law review. Immediately prior to his appointment to the bench, Judge Johnson was an Assistant United States Attorney in San Francisco, California. During his tenure, he represented the federal government's interest in bankruptcy



cases, bankruptcy-related forfeiture cases, and enforced debts for criminal fines, restitution and civil judgments. He conducted both bench and jury trials. Judge Johnson served as a trial attorney in the [United States Trustee](#)'s Office from 1995 to 2002 and, before entering government service, worked in the creditors' rights and bankruptcy departments of two major law firms. He worked as a Certified Public Accountant before attending law school.

Judge Johnson is an adjunct faculty member at Hastings. He was a member of the editorial board of the *California Bankruptcy Journal*, a member of the Insolvency Law Committee of the State Bar of California, and the Bench-Bar Liaison Committee for the Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of California. He was a long time volunteer for the San Francisco Bar Association's Volunteer Legal Services Project and continues to volunteer for Rebuilding Together, an organization dedicated to refurbishing homes for disadvantaged people.

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