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Judge Bencivengo was appointed to the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of California by President Barack Obama, and confirmed on February 10, 2012. Prior to her confirmation, she served as a U.S. Magistrate Judge for the Southern District since December, 2005. Judge Bencivengo is a participant in the Southern District's Patent Pilot Program and is a member of the District's Patent Local Rules Committee.

Before joining the bench, Judge Bencivengo was a partner with the law firm of DLA Piper LLP (formerly Gray, Cary), where she specialized in intellectual property litigation and was National Co-Chair of the firm's Patent Litigation Practice Group. As a patent litigator, Judge Bencivengo represented both plaintiffs and defendants in a variety of technologies, including computer hardware and software, chemistry, immunology, semiconductor chip manufacturing, medical devices and consumer products. She was also the lead trademark and copyright litigation counsel for Dr. Seuss Enterprises, LLP.

Judge Bencivengo attended Rutgers University in New Jersey, earning a B.A. in journalism and political science and an M.A. in political science as a Fellow at the Eagleton Institute of Politics. She received her J.D. from the University of Michigan Law School, *magna cum laude*.

While in private practice, Judge Bencivengo served as a Lawyer Representative to the Ninth Circuit Judicial Conference, a Director and Treasurer of the San Diego County Bar Association, a Director of the San Diego County Bar Foundation and the San Diego Mediation Center and a Judge Pro Tem for the San Diego Superior Court. She is a Master in the J. Clifford Wallace Chapter and the Louis M. Welsh Chapter of the American Inns of Court. She currently serves as Chair of the Ninth Circuit Education Committee and formerly served on the Ninth Circuit Magistrate Judges Education Committee, chairing the committee in 2009 and 2010. She was a Ninth Circuit Director of the Federal Magistrate Judges Association, served on the Advisory Board of the San Diego Chapter of the Federal Bar Association and as a member of the Board of Governors of the San Diego Chapter of the Association of Business Trial Lawyers. She currently serves on the Sedona Conference Judicial Advisor Board