

## REPORT FOR THE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

## UNITED STATES SENATE

SUBJECT: Ambassadorial Nomination: Certificate of  
Demonstrated Competence -- Foreign Service  
Act, Section 304(a)(4)

RELEASED IN FULL

POST: Belize

CANDIDATE: Carlos Moreno

Carlos Moreno, Of Counsel with the law firm of Irell and Manella LLP in Los Angeles, California, has extensive judicial experience, including 25 years as a judge in California. During that time, he has had to decide a broad variety of difficult issues, covering the full range of law and society. In managing and assessing complex issues, and in making decisions based on the facts and the law, he has gained the experience that will enable him to respond to the challenges and complexities of serving and representing the interests of the United State in Belize.

Prior to his current position, Mr. Moreno served as an Associate Justice of the California Supreme Court (2001-2011), a judge in the U.S. District Court in the Central District of California (1998-2001), and as a judge in the state trial courts for over eleven years (1986-1998). Mr. Moreno has extensive community service, and currently serves on a variety of community boards in the Los Angeles area, including the California Community Foundation, the Inner City Law Center, the Neighborhood Legal Services of Los Angeles County, and the Western Justice Center Foundation. He also has served on a number of California Commissions including those on Access and Fairness (2011-Present) and Access to Justice (2011-Present). He also was Co-Chair of the California Welfare Council (2008-2011), and Chair of the California Blue Ribbon Commission on Children in Foster Care (2005-2011).

Mr. Moreno earned a B.A. from Yale in 1970 and a J.D. degree from Stanford in 1975. He has received numerous awards, including recent Honorary J.D. Degrees from Santa Clara School of Law (2011) and Western States School of Law (2012). In 2010, he received the Los Angeles County Bar Association Career Achievement Award. In 2009, he received the Hispanic National Bar Lifetime Achievement Award. He speaks Spanish.

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