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# Law dean nominated for judge

By Brian McCoy

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Morris Arnold, dean of the IU School of Law, is being considered for the post of U.S. district judge for the Western district of

Arkansas, according to Ray Reid, administrative assistant to Rep. John Paul Hammerschmidt, R-Ark.



Arnold, 43, a native of Texarkana, Texas, was appointed dean by the IU Board of Trustees on May 3.

Hammerschmidt submitted Arnold's name to the Justice Department for consideration June 10. The representative did so after the Justice Department took no action on two previous candidates. The judgeship has been vacant since its creation in 1984, Reid said.

Asked whether he would leave IU to accept the position, Arnold said, "I'm far from confident that an offer is forthcoming." He said responding to such speculation "would be presumptuous at this time."

Reid said the Justice Department investigated Arnold and passed his name on to the . . . top senior staff at the White

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House.

If the White House approves, the Senate would have to confirm the appointment before Arnold could accept the judgeship, Reid said.

"Quite hopefully (the Senate) is going to move quickly on this. We hope to have it (on Capitol Hill) in the September-October period," Reid said.

Arnold said he finds those dates overly optimistic.

"There's no chance in the world it could happen that fast. The appointment and confirmation process is extremely lengthy," he said.

Hammerschmidt submitted Arnold's name because of the dean's "Arkansas connections," Reid said. Arnold's family has practiced law in the state for more than 100 years and he is the 11th member of his family to pass the Arkansas bar.

Reid said "the people in the state have the greatest admiration for his academic accomplishments."

Hammerschmidt and Arnold have known each other for years. The congressman is also well-acquainted with members of his family, Reid said.

Hammerschmidt endorsed Arnold's winning bid to become state chairman of the Arkansas Republican party in 1983.

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