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The Judicial Conference, the federal judiciary's policymaking body, quietly voted to advise the president and Senate to refrain from filling the next vacancies on the Denver-based 10th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals—an appeal to trimming bench size driven by persistently low caseloads per judge (Reuters). This recommendation, first made in 2017 and reaffirmed in March, extends to upcoming openings in West Virginia, Michigan and Wyoming, reflecting a data-driven push...

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