

**MEMORANDUM TO THE MEMBERS OF THE  
SENATE AND HOUSE JUDICIARY COMMITTEES**

We, the undersigned, are the judges of the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit who have served as Chief Judge, or stand in line to serve as Chief Judge in the foreseeable future. Over past decades we have all had the opportunity to testify before Congress opposing various proposals to divide the Ninth Circuit. We urge the members of the Judiciary Committees to refrain from taking any action on any proposal relating to this subject until the committees are fully informed, and hearings held, to address all of the possible ramifications of such action for our Court, our Circuit and our nation's federal court system.

Respectfully submitted,

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The block contains seven handwritten signatures in blue ink, each written over a horizontal line. From top to bottom, the signatures correspond to: James R. Browning, Alfred T. Goodwin, J. Clifford Wallace, Procter Hug, Mary M. Schroeder, Alex Kozinski, and Sidney R. Thomas.