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Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals Reorganization Act of 2003

**Congress:** 108 (2003–2005, Ended)

**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Law

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**Current Status:** Committee on the Judiciary Subcommittee on Administrative Oversight and the Courts. Hearings held.

**Latest Action:** Committee on the Judiciary Subcommittee on Administrative Oversight and the Courts. Hearings held.  
(Apr 7, 2004)

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Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Murkowski, Lisa [R-AK]

**Party:** Republican • **State:** AK • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors (6 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Burns, Conrad R. [R-MT]	R · MT		Mar 6, 2003
Sen. Craig, Larry E. [R-ID]	R · ID		Mar 6, 2003
Sen. Crapo, Mike [R-ID]	R · ID		Mar 6, 2003
Sen. Inhofe, James M. [R-OK]	R · OK		Mar 6, 2003
Sen. Smith, Gordon H. [R-OR]	R · OR		Mar 6, 2003
Sen. Stevens, Ted [R-AK]	R · AK		Mar 6, 2003

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Hearings By (subcommittee)	Apr 7, 2004

Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

Law

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

## Summary (as of Mar 6, 2003)

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Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals Reorganization Act of 2003 - Divides the current U.S. Court of Appeals for the ninth circuit into: (1) the ninth circuit, composed of California and Nevada, consisting of 25 judges, and holding regular sessions in San Francisco and Los Angeles; and (2) the twelfth circuit, composed of Alaska, Arizona, Guam, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Northern Mariana Islands, Oregon, and Washington, consisting of 13 judges, and holding regular sessions in Portland and Seattle.

Authorizes a circuit judge of the former ninth circuit who is in regular active service or who is a senior judge to elect to be assigned to either of the two new circuits.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Apr 7, 2004:** Committee on the Judiciary Subcommittee on Administrative Oversight and the Courts. Hearings held.
- **Mar 6, 2003:** Introduced in Senate
- **Mar 6, 2003:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S3319-3320)
- **Mar 6, 2003:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. (text of measure as introduced: CR S3320-3321)