

## S 220

### Judicial Transparency and Ethics Enhancement Act of 2009

**Congress:** 111 (2009–2011, Ended)

**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Law

**Introduced:** Jan 13, 2009

**Current Status:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

**Latest Action:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. (Jan 13, 2009)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/111th-congress/senate-bill/220>

## Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Grassley, Chuck [R-IA]

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

## Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

## Committee Activity

| Committee           | Chamber | Activity    | Date         |
|---------------------|---------|-------------|--------------|
| Judiciary Committee | Senate  | Referred To | Jan 13, 2009 |

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Law

## Related Bills

| Bill       | Relationship | Last Action   |
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| 111 HR 486 | Related bill | Feb 9, 2009: Referred to the Subcommittee on Courts and Competition Policy. |

## Summary

 (as of Jan 13, 2009)

Judicial Transparency and Ethics Enhancement Act of 2009 - Amends the federal judicial code to establish the Office of Inspector General for the Judicial Branch of the U.S. government, to be headed by an Inspector General appointed by the Chief Justice. Sets a term of four years, which may be extended by additional reappointments. Authorizes the Chief Justice to remove an Inspector General from office.

Requires the Office to: (1) conduct investigations of alleged misconduct in the Judicial Branch, including the U.S. Supreme Court; (2) conduct and supervise audits and investigations; and (3) prevent and detect waste, fraud, and abuse.

Provides for whistleblower protection.

## **Actions Timeline**

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- **Jan 13, 2009:** Introduced in Senate
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