

HR 3054

Sunshine in the Courtroom Act of 2009

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Rep. Polis, Jared [D-CO-2]	D · CO		Feb 23, 2010
Rep. Lofgren, Zoe [D-CA-16]	D · CA		Mar 11, 2010
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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Jul 23, 2009

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
111 S 657	Related bill	Apr 29, 2010: Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 361.

Sunshine in the Courtroom Act of 2009 - Authorizes the presiding judge of a U.S. appellate court or U.S. district court to permit the photographing, electronic recording, broadcasting, or televising to the public of court proceedings over which that judge presides, except when such action would constitute a violation of the due process rights of any party.

Directs: (1) a district court, upon the request of any witness in a trial proceeding other than a party, to order the face and voice of the witness to be disguised or otherwise obscured to render the witness unrecognizable to the broadcast audience of the trial proceeding; and (2) the presiding judge in a trial proceeding to inform each witness who is not a party of the right to make such request.

Authorizes the Judicial Conference of the United States to promulgate mandatory guidelines with respect to the management and administration of photographing, recording, broadcasting, or televising described in this Act.

Actions Timeline

- **Jul 23, 2009:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Courts and Competition Policy.
- **Jun 25, 2009:** Introduced in House
- **Jun 25, 2009:** Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.