

## HR 486

### Judicial Transparency and Ethics Enhancement Act of 2009

**Congress:** 111 (2009–2011, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Law

**Introduced:** Jan 13, 2009

**Current Status:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Courts and Competition Policy.

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Courts and Competition Policy. (Feb 9, 2009)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/111th-congress/house-bill/486>

## Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Sensenbrenner, F. James, Jr. [R-WI-5]

**Party:** Republican • **State:** WI • **Chamber:** House

## Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Feb 9, 2009

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Law

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
111 S 220	Related bill	Jan 13, 2009: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

## 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, except with respect to the Supreme Court, to: (1) conduct investigations of alleged misconduct in the Judicial Branch; (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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- **Feb 9, 2009:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Courts and Competition Policy.
- **Jan 13, 2009:** Introduced in House
- **Jan 13, 2009:** Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.