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Commission on Structural Alternatives for the  
Federal Courts of Appeals  
Thurgood Marshall Federal Judiciary Building  
One Columbus Circle, N.E.  
Washington D.C. 20544

Dear Commission Members:

I write to inform you of my opposition to any division of the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals. As you may be aware, any division is also opposed by all of the Federal Judges in Nevada, by the State Bar of Nevada, by Nevada's United States Attorney, Attorney General and Public Defender, and by United States Senators Harry Reid and Richard Bryan.

Each of the proposed alternative structures for the Ninth Circuit has serious disadvantages. Any proposed restructuring would require a costly duplication of a new headquarters and administrative staff. Multi-state businesses along the Pacific seaboard would be subject to conflicting rulings, and many commercial transactions may be disrupted. There are long standing affinities between the laws and economies of the western states which currently make up the Ninth Circuit, and those ties would be torn apart through any of the proposed divisions. Finally, it is the public's perception that the present make-up of the Ninth Circuit is and has been working well, especially as the Circuit, in its present form, is able to balance the interests of a highly populated state with those of eight smaller states.

In short, I am in favor of maintaining the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals as it is without any of the proposed destructive divisions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bob Miller".

**BOB MILLER**  
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