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The Commission on Structural Alternatives for the Federal Court of Appeals
The Thurgood Marshall Federal Judicial Building
One Columbus Circle NE
Washington, DC 20544

Dear Members of the Commission:

The following resolution was approved by the membership of the Washoe County Bar Association, a voluntary bar association of 1,027 members in Reno, Nevada.

Yours truly,

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Christine Cendagorta
Executive Director



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RESOLUTION OF THE WASHOE COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION

Whereas, the Washoe County Bar Association recognizes that the administration, efficiency, productivity, proficiency and configuration of the federal circuit courts present critical issues for the future of American justice; and

Whereas, the Washoe County Bar Association is deeply committed to the concept of an independent judiciary, an essential and equal component of our constitutional form of government; and

Whereas, the Washoe County Bar Association believes strongly that any actions being considered which effect the administration and configuration of our federal appeals courts should be the result of thorough, thoughtful and measured consideration with the goal of furthering the effective administration of justice in our federal system;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Washoe County Bar Association urges that the non-germane riders, proposing to split the Courts of the Ninth Circuit into two separate circuits, which riders have been attached to H.R. 2267 (the legislation to fund the Departments of Commerce, Justice, State, the Judiciary and related agencies for fiscal year 1998) be rejected.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, if Congress wishes to consider the feasibility of the reconfiguration of the Ninth Circuit, this issue should be part of a thorough study of the entire subject of the structure of the federal courts nationwide. No circuit court reconfiguration should be approved by Congress without careful consideration of all relevant issues, including construction costs, administrative efficiencies, caseload, the number and allocation of judges and staff required to perform the duties required of the Circuit Courts, the effect upon litigants from the various states, and the effect that the creation of new circuits may have upon the United States Supreme Court, which is responsible for resolving conflicts among the circuits.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, the Washoe County Bar Association offers to the Nevada Delegation its resources and good efforts to assist in any way possible with information about these issues.