

Lawyer Representatives to the Ninth Circuit Judicial Conference for the United States District Court for Eastern District of California

All circuit, district, bankruptcy and magistrate judges, along with lawyer representatives, attend the annual meeting of the circuit-wide judicial conference that is convened pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §333. A 20-member executive committee supervises the conduct of the conference and sets the program theme. This annual conference is the culmination of a year-long dialogue among all segments of the federal bench and bar. Its purpose is to consider the business of the courts and to advise means to improve the administration of justice within the circuit. These conferences serve as a vehicle for improved education and communication between the bench and bar, among districts, and between the court of appeals and the district courts within the circuit.

Role of Lawyer Representatives

In each judicial district, the judges and the bar organizations select a number of lawyers to serve as lawyer representatives to the annual Ninth Circuit Judicial Conference. These lawyers, who represent the federal bar, meet throughout the year with the judges from their district to discuss matters of mutual concern. The lawyer representatives also meet separately to work on projects -- such as rule changes, alternative dispute resolution, or education programs -- designed to aid the courts to improve the administration of justice in their districts.

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