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PREFACE

The United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit is the largest of the thirteen federal circuits. The Ninth Circuit encompasses Alaska, Arizona, California, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Oregon, Washington, Guam and the Northern Mariana Islands. Because the Ninth Circuit affects nearly 51 million people, the Ninth Circuit attracts the critical eye of many writers, esteemed practitioners and law students.

Writers of the Ninth Circuit Survey have analyzed decisions of the Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, applying their unique perception of law to the issues presented in each case. The Ninth Circuit Survey seeks to inform the readers of diverse social and intellectual issues of the 2000-2001 court term. This edition includes student-written critique and analysis of recent Ninth Circuit decisions pertaining to evidence and civil procedure issues. Additionally, this edition contains summaries that provide an in-depth analysis of recent decisions impacting criminal procedure and constitutional law.

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