

DATA DICTIONARY

FILE: 9th_circuit_panels_2009_through_september_2014.csv

DESCRIPTION: This database records the location, date, and time of each 3 judge panel scheduled to hear oral arguments in the 9th Circuit of Appeals from January 2009 through September 2014. The database was created from calendars for oral arguments published at the Court's website (<http://www.ca9.uscourts.gov/calendar/archive.php>).

FORMAT: Each row represents a Panel Sitting uniquely defined by its location, date, time, and assigned judges. There are 2626 rows representing all the Panel Sittings during the time span. There are 11 variables (columns); each is defined below. There is no ID variable.

VARIABLES	TYPE	DESCRIPTION
judge1 - judge3	Text	Name of judges. Ordered alphabetically. Judges marked with * are "sitting by designation" and are not 9th circuit judges.
city	Text	City (or university) where oral arguments were scheduled.
date	Text	Date of oral arguments in YYYY-MM-DD format. (Some computer programs may change the format.)
time	Text	Time of oral arguments in HH:MM AM/PM.
SASdate	Num	Date of oral argument recorded as the number of days since 1960-01-01.
SASdatetime	Num	Date and time of oral argument recorded as the number of seconds since 1960-01-01 00:00:00.
first_hearing	Binary	Some panels reconvene to hear rescheduled or comeback cases. This variable distinguishes between reconvened and newly formed panels based on information available from the calendars. 1 = Panel newly formed. 0 = Panel reconvened to hear a rescheduled or comeback case.
cso	Binary	1 = Panel heard a Relevant Case. 0 = Panel did NOT hear a Relevant Case.
cso_case	Text	If cso=1, title of Relevant Case.