

AN OVERVIEW OF IMPORTANT NINTH CIRCUIT ADMINISTRATIVE LAW DECISIONS OF 2004

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I. INTRODUCTION

The United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit ruled on multiple cases touching on principles of administrative law in 2004.¹ Most cases before the court involved the application of established legal principles to unique factual scenarios. This Note limits its focus to three areas of administrative law. Part II looks at the availability of judicial review. Part III examines the level of deference the Ninth Circuit grants an agency when the agency makes a statutory interpretation. Finally, Part IV discusses agency actions that implicate an individual's due process rights. Although not exhaustive, the selected cases illustrate the current law of the Ninth Circuit in these areas.

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1. These cases were located using a LexisNexis topical search, and by searching case summaries accessed from Willamette Online Journal.