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Ninth Circuit denies injunction against federal prosecutions of medical marijuana.

Image from public domain. On March 14, 2007, the Ninth Circuit refused to issue an injunction against federal prosecutions of medical marijuana, in *Raich v. Gonzales*. The opinion is [here](#). The court's opinion is helpful in acknowledging the medicinal benefits of marijuana, and in leaving open the possibility of raising a necessity defense by medical marijuana users in a marijuana prosecution. As an aside, I know lead plaintiff Angel Raich and, for many years, one of her attorneys, Robert Raich, who is also her husband. Knowing Angel and Rob brings to life all the more my support for Angel's plight and for the cessation of prosecutions against people using marijuana as medicine. Jon Katz.

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