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During this last Survey year, the Colorado Supreme Court issued a decision that warranted a deviation from the traditional federal appellate court focus of the Annual Tenth Circuit Survey. During the last two years, the State of Colorado has emerged as the definitive host of the battle surrounding equal rights for lesbians, gays, and bisexuals. The decision of the Colorado Supreme Court in *Evans v. Romer*,¹ is illustrative of both the divisiveness of the issue and the challenging task of justifying a seemingly obvious legal right in the face of ambiguous United States Supreme Court precedent.

The U.S. Supreme Court's decision to grant certiorari to hear the case invoked the entire spectrum of emotion in our University of Denver community: fear, joy, uncertainty, relief, and utter terror. As such, I could hardly refuse to open up the pages of the Annual Survey to student comment on this stirring issue.

The resulting *Commentary* that appears in this edition will, like Amendment 2, spark fierce debate. It is this Editor's hope that such debate will be constructive, enlightening, and undertaken with a keen awareness of the individual, and exceptionally personal, stakes at issue.

Charlotte N. Sweeney, Editor

THE TWENTY-FIRST ANNUAL TENTH CIRCUIT SURVEY

1. *Evans v. Romer*, 882 P.2d 1335 (Colo. 1994) (en banc), cert. granted, 115 S. Ct. 1092 (1995).

