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IN MEMORIAM

To

THE HONORABLE JEAN S. BREITENSTEIN

1900-1986

The Board of Editors of

THE DENVER UNIVERSITY LAW REVIEW

humbly dedicate this volume

JEAN S. BREITENSTEIN 1900-1986

Jean S. Breitenstein served as a federal judge for over thirty-one years, more than twenty-eight of which were spent on the Tenth Circuit Court of Appeals. During the preparation of this issue, the legal community lost this most respected of judges. He contributed much to the law and to the people with whom he came in contact. It is with deep admiration that we dedicate this issue of the *Denver University Law Review* to The Honorable Jean S. Breitenstein.

Last year this *Review* took the long overdue step of profiling Judge Breitenstein in the Eleventh Annual Tenth Circuit Survey. We urge each of you to read that profile, authored with formidable clarity and grace by Walter A. Steele, for it presents a picture of a great lawyer, a great judge, and a great man. Judge Breitenstein contributed much to the legal profession both before and after his appointment to the federal bench. He worked tirelessly, even until the time of his death, and his opinions and personal qualities made him, as Mr. Steele noted, "as universally respected and revered as any judge on any court in the land." At the celebration honoring Judge Breitenstein for his thirty years on the federal bench, Judge Logan of the Tenth Circuit Court of Appeals commented:

"A great judge has intelligence, wisdom, energy, and a sense that life is a matter of love, loyalty, courage, hope, and service. A great judge is cognizant of the trust imposed by the office and of his responsibility to administer that trust to the best of his abilities impartially and with compassion. By all of those standards you, Jean Breitenstein, are a great judge. We are privileged to have served with you."

While of course not serving with Judge Breitenstein, we too have benefitted from his life and career. His memory serves as an ongoing challenge to those of us engaged in the study of the law.

