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## FOREWORD

The second edition of the American Bar Association Standards for Criminal Justice stands as a monument to the improvement of the truth-finding process in the adversary system. The Standards can be traced to 1963, when lawyers, professors, judges, and experts in the criminal justice system pooled their intellect to cause Standards to be promulgated for the administration of criminal justice. When the first edition was completed, the American Bar Association Standards were being measured against the Law Enforcement Assistance Administration National Advisory Commission Criminal Justice Standards and Goals. Implementation of both the American Bar Association Standards and the National Advisory Commission Standards brought an empirical reservoir of data into being that was utilized in preparing the second edition of the American Bar Association Standards. Today, the Standards for Criminal Justice have been cited by every state supreme court, the United States Supreme Court, and by nearly every district and circuit court in the federal judicial system.

The symposium which has been prepared for the Denver Law Journal is the culmination of a national effort to make the second edition of the Standards known to the legal profession and all those who work within the criminal justice system. Major General Kenneth Hodson and Lynn Edwards both played a key role in the preparation and implementation of the Standards for Criminal Justice. Professor B. James George is an authority on constitutional law and has written widely in the criminal law field. He is responsible for a great deal of the commentary which supports the Legal Status of Prisoner Standards. In small part, I was able to participate with the other authors both in the preparation and implementation of the Standards. The work which has been done to cause the Standards for Criminal Justice to be a model for use within the adversary system cannot be emulated better than it has been by the articles contained in this symposium.

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