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## FOREWORD

### *Who judges the judges?*

The general and common consensus is that the judges are not judged. This, however, is not entirely true. Certainly the judge's work product gets a good deal of appraisal, and this is also true of the Supreme Court. The Harvard Law Review has an annual survey of Supreme Court decisions. In relationship to the Tenth Circuit, the Denver Law Journal does a most effective job in its Annual Tenth Circuit Survey. The Annual Survey of the Tenth Circuit has grown and developed until now it is an established and well regarded institution.

### *What purpose is served by the annual survey?*

*First*, does it make a public interest contribution?

Yes. It considers a large segment of the court's decisions. It brings these to the attention of the profession as well as the public and does so in annotated and lawyer-like form. This has value not only for the profession, but also for the students who perform the work. Undoubtedly the entire legal community derives value from this effort.

*Second*, is the work product valuable to the court?

Yes. Without it the court's opinions would in many instances escape outside critical scrutiny and critical commentary. Judges' work products should not be hidden under protective covering. Thus, critical scrutiny and commentary, even though not always welcome to the author, has value and is desirable.

*Third*, does the Annual Survey result in better court opinions?

Yes, to some degree. Perhaps the presence of the activity furnishes impetus to improved writing and analysis. It should have such an effect. The individual judges read the comments with great interest. It in all likelihood exerts at least subconscious effects on the opinion writers.

*Fourth*, does the staff observe a high professional standard in its comments?

Generally, yes. There must be occasions when the individual writer undoubtedly wishes that there had been more time and more space to consider, analyze and comment. Unhappily this is a limited edition effort and it cannot be carried out in the depth and breadth of a case note or case comment.

In summary, then, this fine effort on the part of the staff is much more than a student exercise. It shows generally a high standard of professional work. The staff members are careful and conscientious in their statements and usually the criticisms are carefully impersonal.

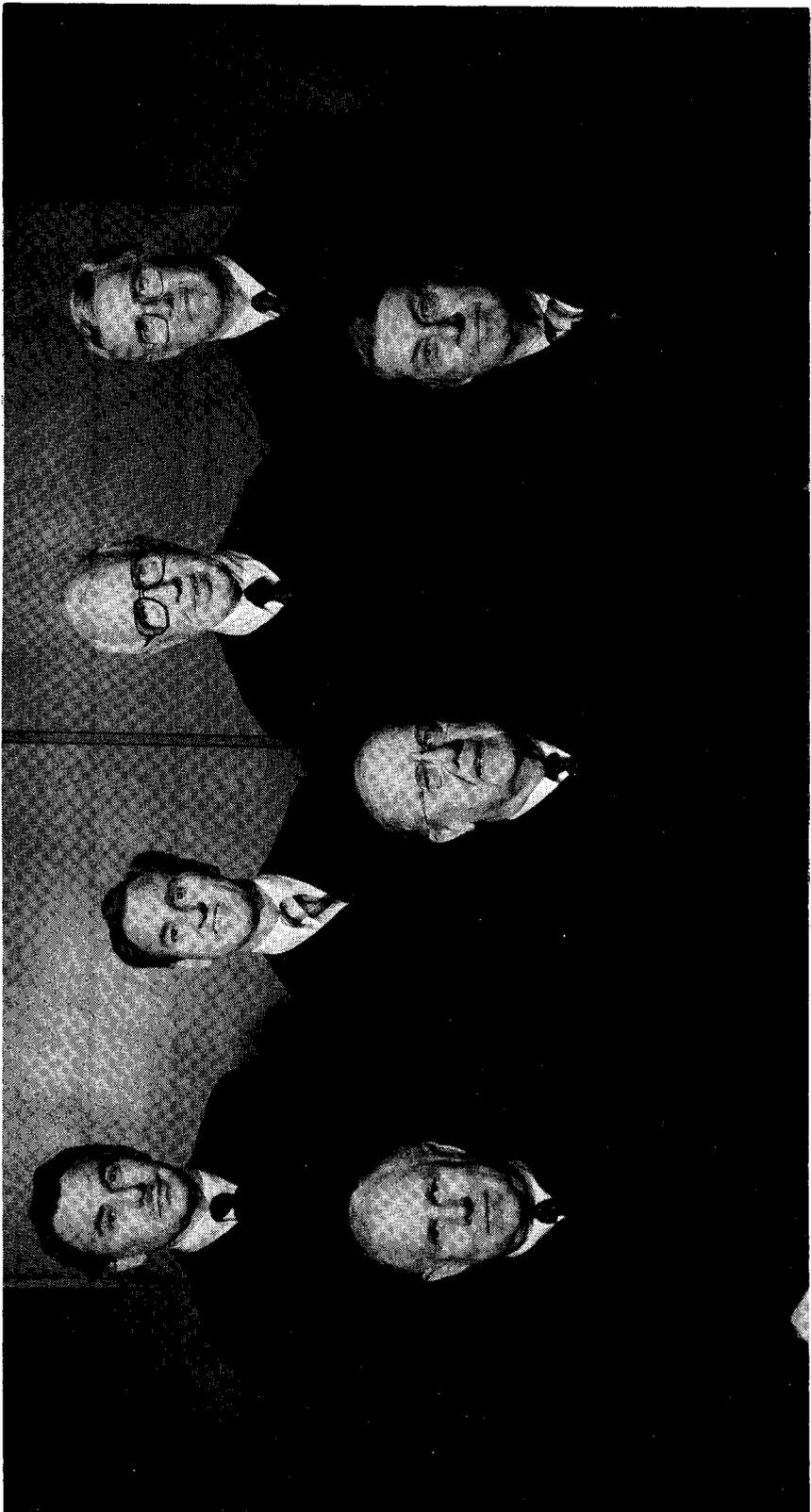
The staff is to be warmly commended for their high level of professional performance. They show thoughtful, painstaking labor and devotion to the quest for law and justice.

Speaking for this member of the court, we wish them good luck and continued good hunting in this the Sixth Annual Survey.

December 21, 1979

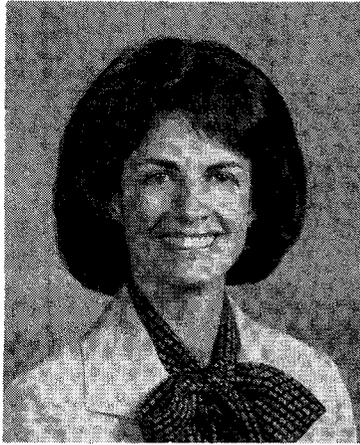
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THE JUDGES OF THE UNITED STATES COURT OF  
APPEALS FOR THE TENTH CIRCUIT



Bottom row, left to right: Judge William J. Holloway, Jr., Chief Judge Oliver Seth, Judge Robert H. McWilliams  
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**NEWEST APPOINTEE**

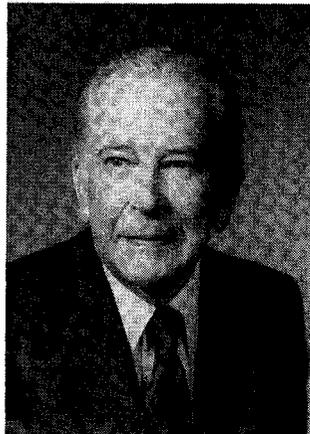


**JUDGE STEPHANIE K. SEYMOUR**

The newest appointee to the United States Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit is Judge Stephanie K. Seymour. Judge Seymour was appointed by President Jimmy Carter and was sworn in November 16, 1979.



**SENIOR JUDGE JOHN  
C. PICKETT**



**SENIOR JUDGE DAVID  
T. LEWIS**



**SENIOR JUDGE JEAN  
S. BRETTENSTEIN**



**SENIOR JUDGE DELMAS  
C. HILL (RETIRED)**