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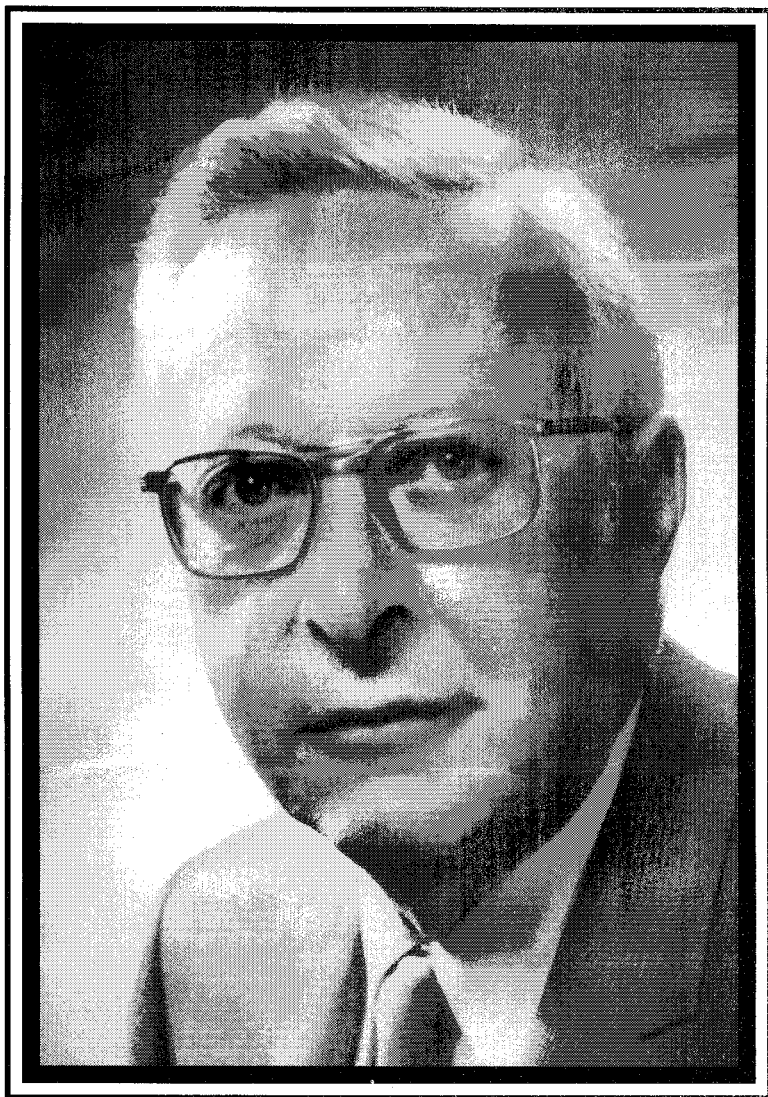
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RAPHAEL J. MOSES

IN TRIBUTE

The *Water Law Review* respectfully dedicates its Spring 1999 issue to Raphael J. Moses, a man who has dedicated his life to western water law. Mr. Moses was born in Girard, Alabama in 1913, and moved to Alamosa, Colorado at the age of one year where he was raised by his Aunt Rosa and Uncle Albert.

Mr. Moses pursued a career as a lawyer, following in the footsteps of his great-grandfather, Raphael J. Moses I, and his Uncle, Albert L. Moses. He attended the University of Colorado School of Law from which he received his LL.B. and JD degrees in 1937. Mr. Moses was admitted to the Colorado Bar in 1938, and after a short time in practice, he joined the Navy and served on a World War II destroyer from 1942–1945. Upon his return, he resumed private practice in Alamosa, Colorado.

Governor Thornton appointed Mr. Moses to the Colorado Water Conservation Board in 1953. He served as attorney for the Board from 1958–1977, and as Special Assistant Attorney General on Interstate Water Matters from 1958–1976. During that time, Mr. Moses represented Colorado in all its interstate water matters, including the Rio Grande and Colorado River Compacts, and numerous local water projects such as the Wagon Wheel Gap dam project in the San Luis Valley. He was instrumental in helping to organize the Colorado River Water Users' Association. From 1966–1977, Mr. Moses also served on the Western States Water Council, and was its Chairman from 1966–1969.

In 1973, Mr. Moses helped establish the firm Moses, Wittemyer, Harrison, and Woodruff in Boulder, Colorado, where he continued to practice water law until his retirement in 1992. Mr. Moses' distinguished career included representation of numerous ground water users, serving as lead counsel on the landmark case *City of Colorado Springs v. Bender*, and serving as consultant to Clyde O. Martz, Colorado's Special Assistant Attorney General on the Rainbow Bridge case (*Badoni v. Higginson*), heard before the 10th Circuit in 1980.

For a more in-depth view of Mr. Moses life and career, see the *Practitioner's Perspective* section of this issue.