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PREFACE

With this issue the *Denver Law Journal* inaugurates a publication policy of utilizing the first issue of each year for a survey and analysis of decisions handed down by the United States Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit. The cases included in this first issue were selected from opinions filed between September 1, 1973 and August 31, 1974. Since the court has no official annual term, this period was selected merely to accommodate our own staff availability. Not all of the cases decided by the Tenth Circuit during the term were included in this survey. Each opinion is first classified into one of 11 major topic areas. Within those categories the most significant decisions are analyzed in some depth in individual comments; opinions of less significance are treated more briefly in the introductory notes to each section; other cases are omitted entirely.

This annual feature represents an undertaking beyond the traditional scope of the *Journal's* publication routine. Therefore, we take this opportunity to recognize a number of persons whose assistance and encouragement were invaluable to the completion of this issue. Our special appreciation goes to Chief Judge David T. Lewis and the other judges of the Tenth Circuit for their support and cooperation; to Howard K. Phillips, Clerk of the Court, Chief Deputy Clerk Robert L. Hoecker, and members of their staff for providing us with copies of the opinions filed by the court and with valuable research assistance; and to all of the staff personnel of the Tenth Circuit who contributed to our effort. Two men who deserve particular recognition because of their exceptional enthusiasm and assistance are Robert B. Yegge, Dean of the College of Law, and Emory G. Hatcher, Circuit Executive for the Tenth Circuit.

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