

ANNUAL SURVEY OF NEBRASKA LAW

INTRODUCTION

The Board of Editors of *Creighton Law Review* is pleased to present the tenth Annual Survey of Nebraska Law.

This year, the Nebraska Survey was moved from the first to the second issue of the review. This change was made in an effort to more evenly distribute the writing and editorial workload throughout the year. The survey period remains the same. This year's Nebraska Survey covers cases decided by the Nebraska Supreme Court and legislation enacted by the Nebraska Unicameral from June 1, 1982 to May 31, 1983.

The purpose of the Nebraska Survey is to: (1) critically analyze significant decisions of the Nebraska Supreme Court; (2) note and discuss trends in Nebraska law; (3) analyze, from an historical perspective, the origins and subsequent development of specific facets of Nebraska law; and (4) foster and provide a forum for the conception and development of new approaches to legal issues in Nebraska. Although planned primarily for the Nebraska attorney, the annual survey is also of assistance to attorneys outside the state who must apply Nebraska law or wish to compare the status of the law of their own state with that of Nebraska.

In preparing the Nebraska Survey, all of the cases decided during the survey period were read by the Board of Editors and placed into one or more substantive areas of law. The cases in each area were then re-examined in an attempt to select the most significant case or cases in each category. These cases were then ranked and distributed to the available writers.

It should be noted that no attempt was made to discuss every case decided during the survey period. In addition, available resources precluded analyzing a case from each substantive area. An effort was made, however, to include all cases of first impression, and those decisions where the court reversed, significantly modified or extended existing law. The reader should also note that the survey articles do not follow a single, standardized format. The structure of each article reflects the nature of the case selected in each area. Most of the articles,

however, are structured as casenotes, which are designed to focus on a single case, and provide an indepth, critical analysis of the basis of the court's decision. Other articles are structured as comments, where the focus is more on the development and present state of the law in the respective area.

As always, the Board of Editors actively solicits comments and suggestions on improving the content and format of this or any other issue.

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