

## INTRODUCTION

It is my privilege to join the many friends of the Creighton Law School in recognizing the twentieth year of publication of the Creighton Law Review. As the reader may be aware, this is also the seventh year in which the Creighton Law Review has published its Eighth Circuit Survey, which contains critiques and analyses of recent, significant Eighth Circuit decisions.

At the time I was appointed to the federal court in 1966 by President Lyndon B. Johnson, I recall visiting with faculty members and students about the need for Creighton to commence a law review publication. In that twenty years, the Creighton Law Review has achieved distinction among the many legal periodicals published by law schools and now enjoys a prevalent reputation as a leading regional law review. This accomplishment has not come easily. It has required dedication and great industry by administration, faculty, and the many students who have participated in the project.

I have had the privilege of having many former Creighton Law Review members work with me as law clerks. These include your present Assistant Dean Barbara Gaskins, Maureen McGrath, Tom Culhane, Kathleen Quinn, Gerald Friedrichsen, Mary Morrison, Regina Shields, Mary Wickenkamp, Joe Bruckner, and my present clerk and former Editor-in-Chief of the law review, Karen McKay. My association with these excellent lawyers has given me a close relationship with and appreciation for the law review experience. The lessons learned are never forgotten. In my opinion, participation in law review research, writing, and editing provides the *sine qua non* of meaningful legal expression and analytical technique.

I also had the privilege of conducting a Supreme Court seminar at the Creighton Law School for several years, and I enjoyed my relationship with the students and faculty throughout that experience. As exemplified by the students I associated with in the classroom and by my former law clerks, I can say with certainty that Creighton is developing talented legal minds and is making a significant contribution to the legal profession.

As I have previously expressed, the Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals is deeply appreciative of the contributions made by the Creighton Law Review to our court and to the legal profession in the annual publication of the Eighth Circuit Survey. I have had lawyers throughout the country comment to me on the high quality work that the law review has done. This issue is certainly no exception.

On behalf of all of the judges of the Eighth Circuit, I express our

congratulations to the Creighton Law Review in reaching its twentieth year and the sincere thanks of all members of the court for the law review's continuing analytical interest in the decisions of this court.

*Donald P. Lay,  
Chief Judge*