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INTRODUCTION: FRONTIER JUSTICE SYMPOSIUM ARTICLES

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We are very pleased to include in this inaugural issue of the *Wyoming Law Review* several essays from speakers who participated in a national symposium on "Frontier Justice" in Cody, Wyoming, in October 2000. In June 2001, the second issue of this volume of the *Wyoming Law Review* will feature several additional essays from the symposium. This unique conference was the result of collaborative efforts between the University of Wyoming College of Law and the Buffalo Bill Historical Center, a world-class museum and educational center that hosted the symposium. The United States Supreme Court Historical Society also lent its support as honorary sponsor.

The symposium examined frontier history as a means of gaining perspective on the resolution of contemporary legal and policy issues. In addition to keynote addresses by Griffin Bell, former United States Attorney General, and Drew Lewis, former United States Secretary of Transportation and current Chairman of the Union Pacific Corporation, the symposium included four principal sessions in the areas of Indian Rights, Ranching & Public Lands, the Military & the West, and Law Enforcement & Violence. Former United States Senator Alan Simpson, the Chairman of the Board of the Buffalo Bill Historical Center, concluded the symposium with summary remarks.

Judging from the comments of those in attendance at the sympo-

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sium, it was a rousing success. The speakers were outstanding, the organization was superb, and the Buffalo Bill Historical Center provided a marvelous setting for the study of frontier history. We intend to continue this symposium, perhaps every other year, and we invite all of our readers to attend. We have built a strong foundation upon which to build even better forums in the future.

In the meantime, we hope you enjoy the essays in this issue. Lois J. Schiffer, Assistant Attorney General for Environment and Natural Resources, and Sylvia Quast discuss "Public Lands Litigation in the Geography of Hope." From the same public lands panel, University of Wyoming Law Professor Debra L. Donahue calls for "Justice for the Earth in the Twenty-first Century." Wallace H. Johnson, whose vision was largely responsible for the creation of the Frontier Justice Symposium, examines the legal career of Justice Willis Van Devanter, the only Wyoming attorney to serve on the United States Supreme Court. Finally, Kevin K. Washburn, General Counsel of the National Indian Gaming Commission, discusses recurring problems in the field of Indian gaming.