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Introduction to Frontier Justice Symposium Articles

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In the first issue of the Wyoming Law Review, we included several essays from speakers who participated in the inaugural “Frontier Justice” Symposium held in Cody, Wyoming, in October 2000. This unique conference resulted from a collaboration between the University of Wyoming College of Law and the Buffalo Bill Historical Center, with the United States Supreme Court Historical Society lending its support as honorary sponsor. In this second issue, we are pleased to continue with several more essays from the symposium.

Among the highlights of the symposium was a stirring keynote address at the opening dinner by Honorable Griffin Bell, former Attorney General of the United States. We are delighted to lead off this series of essays with Mr. Bell’s speech, entitled “Integrity in Leadership.”

Four panels of speakers presented at principal sessions of the symposium. In the first issue, we included essays from panel members in the Ranching & Public Lands and Indian Rights sessions. In this issue, we present two essays from each of the remaining two sessions. The Law Enforcement & Violence panel is represented by Frederick Calhoun, who served for fifteen years as Historian for the United States Marshal Service, and John Davis, a lawyer, author, and historian (and, we are proud to say, a UW Law graduate) from Worland, Wyoming. Calhoun, the author of The Law Men, the definitive history of the Marshal Service from 1789-1989, writes here on “Westering and the Law.” Davis’s essay
strikes close to home: “The Coming of Law and Order to the Big Horn Basin.”

We conclude with two essays from the Military & the West panel. The first is from Phil Roberts, a University of Wyoming history professor (and UW Law graduate), and is entitled, “Wyoming’s Pioneers of Prohibition: The United States Army, the U.S. District Court, and Federal Enforcement of Laws Governing Morality.” The second essay from this panel was written by Bob Gose, a prominent state leader from Powell, Wyoming, who is also the former director of Minute Man System development for military contractor TRW. Gose’s article is entitled, “The Role and Influence of the United States Military in Discovery and Development in Continental Fulfillment.”