

EIGHTH CIRCUIT READING LIST

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Judge Myron Bright's recent publication of his memoirs, *Goodbye Mike, Hello Judge: My Journey for Justice* (North Dakota Institute for Regional Studies 2015), is a wonderful contribution to an extensive and rich reading list about the history of the federal courts and federal judges within the Eighth Circuit.

As many readers know, Professor Jeffrey Brandon Morris published a full-length history of the Eighth Circuit a few years ago entitled, *Establishing Justice in Middle America: A History of the United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit* (University of Minnesota Press 2007). Professor Morris' book provided a valuable expansion from the earlier history that Theodore J. Fetter had written, *A History of the United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit* (1977), which had been published under the auspices of the Bicentennial Committee of the Judicial Conference of the United States.

There are also many fine histories of the federal district courts in the Eighth Circuit that have published, including the most recent such history by Burton A. Boxerman, *And Justice For All: A History of the Federal District Court of Eastern Missouri* (Southeast Missouri State University Press 2014), and Professor Lawrence H. Larsen's earlier book, *Federal Justice in Western Missouri: The Judges, The Cases and The Times* (University of Minnesota Press 1994).

George Mills and Richard W. Peterson collaborated to write, *No One Is Above The Law: The Story of Southern Iowa's Federal Court* (South Side Press of the Midlands 1988), and Richard W. Peterson also wrote, *The Court Moves West: A Study of the United States Supreme Court Decisions of Appeals from the United States Circuit and District Court of Iowa, 1846-1882* (South Side Press of the Midlands 1988). Peggy J. Teslow wrote the *History of the United States District Court for the District of South Dakota* (West 1991), and Ardell Tharaldson contributed a wonderful book entitled, *Patronage: Histories and Biographies of North Dakota's Federal Judges* (Northern Lights Press 2002).

There are a number of very good biographies of Eighth Circuit judges who have gone on to serve on the United States Supreme Court, such as Justice Harry A. Blackmun who was the subject of Linda Greenhouse's book, *Becoming Justice Blackmun* (Times Books 2005), and Professor Tinsley Yarbrough's biography, *Harry A. Blackmun: The Outsider Justice* (Oxford University Press 2008). Craig Alan Smith published a fascinating study of Justice Charles E. Whittaker entitled, *Failing Justice: Charles Evans Whittaker on the Supreme Court* (McFarland & Co., Inc. 2005). And Michael J. Brodhead wrote, *David J. Brewer: The Life of a Supreme Court Justice 1837-1910* (Southern Illinois University Press 1994).

Several years ago, Judge Bright's good friend and long-time colleague on the Eighth Circuit, Judge Donald P. Lay, wrote a book about his experiences as a lawyer and later as a judge which was entitled, *Law: A Human Process* (West Publishing Co. 1996). Polly J. Price has published a wonderful biography of the late Judge Richard S. Arnold entitled, *Judge Richard S.*

Arnold: A Legacy of Justice on the Federal Bench (Prometheus Books 2009). And Walter H. Nunn wrote, *Arkansas' Judge Pat Mehaffy* (Parkin Print & Stationary Co. 1977).

There have been several books written by federal district judges who have served in the Eighth Circuit, including most recently the Eastern District of Missouri's Judge Charles A. Shaw whose memoir is entitled, *Watch Everything: A Judicial Memoir with a Point of View* (iUniverse 2013); and the District of Nebraska's Judge Warren K. Urbom who has written his autobiography, *Called to Justice: The Life of a Federal Trial Judge* (University of Nebraska Press 2012).

There are also several biographical articles about the federal judges who have served in the Eighth Circuit, such as the late Judge Gerald W. Heaney's article about the Eighth Circuit's Judge Martin Van Oosterhout in, *Judge Martin Donald Van Oosterhout: The Big Judge From Orange City, Iowa*, 79 Iowa L. Rev. 1 (1993) (with forward by Harry A. Blackmun), as well as his article on the life and career of the Eastern District of Arkansas' Judge Jacob Trieber entitled, *Jacob Trieber: Lawyer, Politician, Judge*, 8 UALR L.J. 421 (1986). Judge C. Arlen Beam published, *Chief Judge Harvey M. Johnsen - A Profit With Honor*, 20 Creighton L. Rev. 1949 (1987), about the District of Nebraska's and Eighth Circuit's Judge Harvey Johnson. Finally, Thomas H. Boyd wrote a piece on Judge John B. Sanborn, Jr., *The Life and Career of the Honorable John B. Sanborn, Jr.*, 23 Wm. Mitchell L. Rev. 203 (1997), who had served on the District of Minnesota and the Eighth Circuit.