

Historical Society of the United States Courts in the Eighth Circuit

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The Court of Appeals branch of the Historical Society of the United States Courts in the Eighth Circuit has continued with its project to obtain the oral history interviews of all of the circuit judges who have not yet been interviewed and who will reach the age of 70 by 2021. In support of this effort, the branch received \$15,750 from the Eighth Circuit's Attorney Admission Fee Fund.

Four oral histories were carried out this reporting year. Judge David R. Hansen was interviewed by Judge Thad J. Collins on August 31, 2016; Judge Diana E. Murphy was interviewed by former law clerk and now Minnesota Supreme Court Justice Margaret H. Chutich on December 20, 2016; Judge Roger L. Wollman was interviewed by Judge Hansen on June 6, 2017; and Judge William Jay Riley was interviewed by Historical Society Chair Judge Richard G. Kopf on June 23, 2017.

Our branch has also been a regular contributor to the Eighth Circuit Bar Association's newsletter, providing articles recognizing the service of Donald P. Lay and Gerald W. Heaney for their work as judges on the Eighth Circuit and their great service to our country. We plan to continue to contribute articles on historical topics in the newsletter in the future, and we are very grateful to the Eighth Circuit Bar Association and the newsletter's editor, Benjamin Wilson, for the opportunity to do so.

The branch will continue its work and appreciates the support of the Eighth Circuit in preserving the history of its federal courts and judges.