

**HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF THE UNITED STATES COURTS
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As has been the case for the past several years, the Court of Appeals Branch's primary project continues to be the preparation and publication of a full-length written history of the United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit. Professor Jeffrey Morris has completed such a history, and we are currently in the process of having Professor Morris' history published at the University of Minnesota press.

We are very pleased that the published version of Professor Morris' fine history will include a forward by the Honorable William Webster, former district and circuit judge from the Eighth Circuit who, of course, went on to a distinguished career with the FBI and CIA.

We have been advised that the book is underway with the copyediting process, and that the copyedited manuscript has been given to a freelance copy editor. The University of Minnesota Press plans to include the book in its spring 2007 catalogue, with an actual publication date likely in the summer of 2007.

We have been very fortunate in obtaining additional funding for this project from a variety of sources, including the Eighth Circuit as well as various law firms and several bar organizations located within the Eighth Circuit. We are also grateful for the very generous support we have received from several district courts in the Eighth Circuit.

We are hopeful that, by the time of our next annual report, we will be able to advise that the publication process has been completed and the book is available.