

**Historical Society of the  
United States Courts in the Eighth Circuit**

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The Court of Appeals Branch is pleased to report its recent publication of Professor Jeffrey B. Morris' fine book entitled, *Establishing Justice in Middle America: A History of the United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit*.

Professor Morris' history of the Eighth Circuit is a monumental contribution to the history of the federal judiciary of this country. This long-awaited, full-length history will be tremendously valuable to attorneys and judges alike, as well as to historians, as a detailed description of how this important court has served this region and this nation so well. The book also features a forward by the Honorable William H. Webster, former judge of the Eighth Circuit.

The book was published through the University of Minnesota Press and became available in December of 2007. Since then, the book has been widely distributed. The Historical Society and the Court of Appeals Branch have made arrangements to distribute complimentary copies to all of the federal judges within the Eighth Circuit, as well as to all of the attorneys and others who are attending the Eighth Circuit Judicial Conference in Chicago.

The Court of Appeals Branch is grateful to all who supported this very worthwhile project and made the publication of this important history possible.