

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

**Court of Appeals Branch's Annual Report
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The Court of Appeals Branch has continued to experience great success with its 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*.

Since it was published through the University of Minnesota Press with an initial printing of 1,500 hardcover copies, the book has been distributed far and wide. At this time, there are only 321 books still in stock.

The book has been widely reviewed and well received. Reviews and book notices have appeared in the *Annals of Iowa*, *Nebraska History*, *Missouri Historical Review*, *Arkansas Historical Quarterly*, *Great Plains Research*, *Law and History Review*, *Law & Politics*, *Ramsey County Barrister*, and *Minnesota Bench & Bar*.

Professor Morris' book has also been cited in a number of scholarly pieces, including Sherrilyn A. Ifill's article, *Judicial Diversity* which was published last fall in the *Green Bag*, as well as the *Forward* to the Eighth Circuit issue of the *William Mitchell Law Review* which was published earlier this summer. It was also gratifying to see that the Eighth Circuit itself has cited to our book. See, e.g., *Brannum v. Mo. Dep't of Corrs.*, No. 07-1598, at 6 n.4 (8th Cir. Mar. 3, 2008).

This book has been a wonderful project, and the Court of Appeals Branch will remain eternally grateful to the parent society, as well as the Eighth Circuit and all of the other federal courts, bar associations, law firms, and individuals who were so supportive of this very worthwhile publication. We will also be forever grateful to the late Honorable Gerald W. Heaney who was the driving force that made this book become a reality.

The Court of Appeals Branch is now in the process of turning to its next chapter and we would appreciate receiving ideas and suggestions of possible projects that may be suitable for the future.