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The William Mitchell Law Review's devotion of an entire issue to the United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit is a timely and appropriate expansion of the Review's efforts to provide scholarly, relevant works for use by the bench and the practicing bar. The work of the Circuit in the areas of criminal law, environmental law, labor law, bankruptcy, agricultural law, and pension law is far reaching and important.

We are particularly honored by the contribution of Chief Judge Lay to this issue. His discussion of the 1984 Bail Reform Act is timely and will undoubtedly prove significant to courts and lawyers. In a similar vein, the contribution of Keith Halleland with regard to the timberwolf regulation case, Sierra Club v. Clark, should prove an important discussion of this vital environmental law decision.

It should be noted that this issue is not intended to be a comprehensive survey of all the Eighth Circuit's work during the preceding year. Rather, it is designed to focus in depth on some of the significant decisions and issues addressed by the court. The articles on recent developments in the areas of criminal procedure, employment discrimination, civil rights attorney's fee awards, and the Federal Tort Claims Act are intended to be comprehensive within those particular areas. They were properly chosen because of their general timeliness and relevance to the practicing bar and the bench.

I am proud of, and wish to take this opportunity to publicly compliment, the editors and staff of the William Mitchell Law Review, which has established a fine record of providing timely, scholarly articles of importance to the legal community. I believe that first-time readers of the Review will agree with me that they have performed their work well. Long-term readers of the Review will agree that this has been a consistent pattern throughout the years.