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FOREWORD

In the spring of 1978, the Brigham Young University *Journal of Legal Studies* published its first monograph of Utah law, *Summary of Utah Real Property Law*. Since that time, the Journal has published seven other volumes, each dealing with a previously unsummarized area of state law.

While the primary purpose of the *Journal of Legal Studies* program has been to develop lawyering skills among students, production of the eight monographs has achieved a second goal. Past efforts of the Journal's editors and authors have provided needed assistance to the practicing bench and bar in Utah by bringing together, in single titles, previously scattered segments of Utah statutes and case law. The summaries have been and continue to be immensely helpful to both lawyers and non-lawyers alike and remain the only works of their kind in the state.

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