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The United States Courts of Appeals are of ever increasing importance in the federal judicial system. The overwhelming caseload of the United States Supreme Court restricts its ability to resolve many inter-circuit conflicts, with the result that more and more a body of circuit law is developing. The practitioner must know the law of the circuit in which a controversy arises.

Economic changes are subtly affecting the Tenth Circuit. The development, for the national good, of the natural resources of the six-state Tenth Circuit, will probably produce many conflicts among national, regional, and local interests. The resolution of these expected controversies will substantially involve the federal courts within the Tenth Circuit. The task of these courts, and of the advocates who appear in them, presents a challenge which may not be ignored.

The foregoing emphasizes the importance of the *Denver Law Journal's* Annual Survey of the Tenth Circuit decisions. Its critiques enable both lawyers and teachers to keep abreast of decisional trends, to come forward with constructive suggestions, and to contribute to the solution of the problems which are bound to arise. The Survey should be required reading for all federal practitioners—and for all federal judges.

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