

A LIFE OF CONTRIBUTIONS FOR ALL TIME
Symposium in Honor of David H. Getches
April 26-27, 2012

David H. Getches led a luminous life of public service as Founding Director of the Native American Rights Fund, historic litigator for Indian tribes, Executive Director of the Colorado Department of Natural Resources, valued board member and chair of leading non-profit organizations, revered teacher, and Dean of the University of Colorado Law School for eight years. At the heart of his contributions lies a prodigious body of widely respected scholarship extending from the 1970s through a posthumously-published book chapter to be released this year. This symposium will celebrate David's life, especially his trailblazing scholarship.

Thursday, April 26, 5:30 p.m.

5:30 Welcome and Symposium Overview, Dean Phil Weiser, University of Colorado Law School

5:40 Introduction, Professor Sarah Krakoff, University of Colorado Law School

5:45 Keynote Address, Professor Charles Wilkinson, University of Colorado Law School

*Hero for the People, Hero for the Land and Water:
Reflections on the Enduring Contributions of David Getches*

6:45 Reception

Friday, April 27, 8:15 a.m.

This day, in the spirit of a Festschrift, will honor David Getches' legacy of scholarly research. While the presenters may wish to refer to David and his work in some fashion, the mission of the Festschrift is to pay high tribute to David by convening top scholars in his name and having them address paramount concerns in their, and David's, fields.

Often, such events can be limited to a single field. Making a significant contribution to even one area of scholarship is a lifetime achievement. But David lived several lives in one, as a scholar as in everything else. This symposium therefore includes three legal fields: Water, Land, and American Indians. In each, and across each, David Getches' writings made singular, sweeping, and enduring contributions.

- 8:15 Welcome and Introductions, Professor Sarah Krakoff, University Colorado Law School
- 8:30-9:00 Keynote Address, Professor John Leshy, University of California, Hastings College of Law
- 9:00-9:20 Honorary Remarks, President Timothy Wirth, United Nations Foundation and the Better World Fund

BREAK

WATER

- 9:45-11:45 (Moderator, Karin Sheldon, Executive Director, Western Resources Advocates)
- Professor Joseph Sax, University of California at Berkeley
- Justice Gregory Hobbs, Colorado Supreme Court
- Professor Armando Guevara-Gil, Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú
- Professor William Rodgers, University of Washington School of Law
- 11:45-12:00 Professor Susan Nevelow Mart, Law Library Director, presents *The Getches Digital Archive*

12:00-1:15 LUNCH

- 12:45-1:15 Keynote Address, John Echohawk, Executive Director, Native American Rights Fund

LAND

- 1:30-3:00 (Moderator, Professor Mark Squillace, University of Colorado Law School)
- Professor Robert Anderson, University of Washington School of Law
- Sarah Bates, Senior Associate, Center for Natural Resources and Environmental Policy, University of Montana
- Bill Hedden, Executive Director, Grand Canyon Trust

BREAK

AMERICAN INDIANS

- 3:15-4:45 (Moderator, Jeanne Whiteing, Whiteing & Smith, Boulder, Colorado)
- Professor Matthew Fletcher, Michigan State University College of Law
- Professor Carole Goldberg, UCLA Law School
- Professor Rebecca Tsosie, Arizona State University College of Law
- 4:45-5:05 Closing remarks and tribute, Professor Sarah Krakoff, University of Colorado Law School