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THE WILLIAM LEE KNOUS AWARD

For 1980

The William Lee Knous Award, given annually in memory of one of the most distinguished graduates of the University of Colorado School of Law, is a recognition by the Law Alumni Board of outstanding achievement by an alumnus in his or her chosen field. The award for 1980 is conferred upon Royal C. Rubright of the Class of 1932.

Royal Rubright was born in Denver, Colorado. He attended the University of Colorado and received an LL.B. in June of 1932, a BA. in August of 1932, and an LL.M. in 1933. He attended the University of Colorado Law School on a Fellowship sponsored by United States Senator Costigan. He has been with the Denver law firm of Fairfield and Woods since 1940.

During his professional life in the law, Royal Rubright has become a leading figure in both the Denver and Colorado Bar Associations. He served as President of the Denver Bar Association in 1957 and 1958, has been a recipient of the Denver Bar Association Annual Award of Merit, and is also a member of the Colorado Bar Association Real Estate Section and is a former Chairman of that Section. He is a member of the Colorado Real Estate Title Standards Committee and has formerly served as a Chairman of that Committee. His other accomplishments in the field of law include being a former instructor of real property law at the University of Denver, a special lecturer in real property law at the University of Colorado, and a speaker at numerous legal institutes of both the Denver and Colorado Bar Associations on real property law. Mr. Rubright is a member of the Real Property, Probate, and Trust Section of the American Bar Association and a Fellow of the American College of Probate Counsel.

Mr. Rubright has been very active in contributing articles to Dicta, the University of Denver Law Journal, the Rocky Mountain Law Review, and for several years authored and co-authored the Annual Survey of Colorado Law. He was a participating author in the Colorado Practice Manual published by Edward C. King, Division 2, "Examination of Abstracts." His biography appears in Who's Who in American Law and Who's Who in America.

Mr. Rubright has been active in the examination of real estate titles and related real estate legal work since 1935. In addition to the many recognized activities in which he has participated and the many clients he has represented in his field of real estate law over the years, he has always been willing to lend an attentive ear and a helping hand to a myriad of fellow attorneys who have sought his counsel on an informal basis concerning a multitude of questions for which his expertise has been uniquely suited. It is this spirit of willingness to participate and cooperate that has best characterized his practice.

The Law Alumni Board is most honored to present the William Lee Knous award for 1980 to Royal C. Rubright.