

EDITORS' NOTE

The North Dakota Constitutional Law Symposium was held virtually on August 17, 2020, following postponement from its original date due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The event was broadcast live from the Heritage Center and State Museum in Bismarck. The symposium theme was Celebrating Over 130 Years of the North Dakota Constitution, and the event was held 131 years, to the day, after the North Dakota Constitutional Convention adjourned sine die on August 17, 1889. This symposium issue follows the theme of the event, and we hope it will serve as a notable reference for North Dakota Constitutional Law. We are extremely grateful to all of our speakers for lending their expertise to the symposium. The speakers and their topics are listed in chronological order below.

The Secret Sources of the North Dakota Constitution

Nicholas Samuelson – Stutsman County Assistant State's Attorney

Evolution of the Initiated Measure Process by Constitutional Amendment

Senator David Hogue – District 38

Legalized Marijuana in North Dakota

Assistant Attorney General Tara Brandner

Sorum v. State

Terrance Moore – Hellmuth & Johnson, PLLC

Originalism and the North Dakota Constitution

Justice Jerod Tufte – North Dakota Supreme Court

51 Imperfect Solutions: States and the Making of American Constitutional Law

Judge Jeffrey Sutton – United States Court of Appeals
for the Sixth Circuit

North Dakota Legislative Assembly v. Burgum

Deputy Solicitor General Jim Nicolai

Birchfield v. North Dakota

Rachael Steenholdt – Assistant Federal Public Defender

North Dakota Ethics Commission Panel

Levi Andrist – GA Group, PC

Senator Erin Oban – District 35

Representative Shannon Roers Jones – District 46

Moderated by Leslie Bakken Oliver – General Counsel,
Office of the Governor

Additionally, Justice Tufte and Nicholas Samuelson have written companion articles for their presentations. We are delighted they chose to expand on their topics by writing these articles. You can find the articles in this issue.

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For assistance accessing the recording of the symposium please contact the law review at ndlr@law.und.edu.

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